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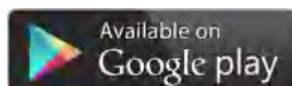
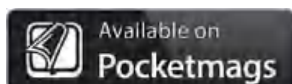
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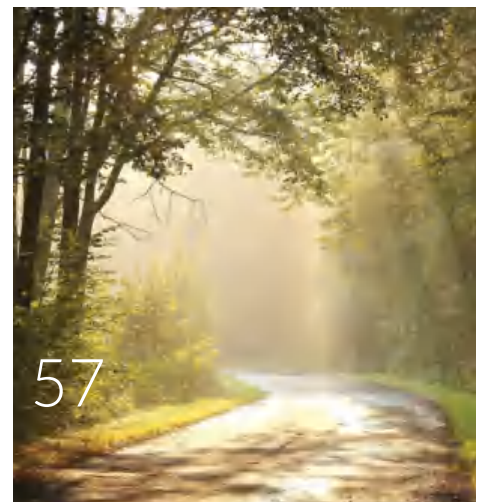
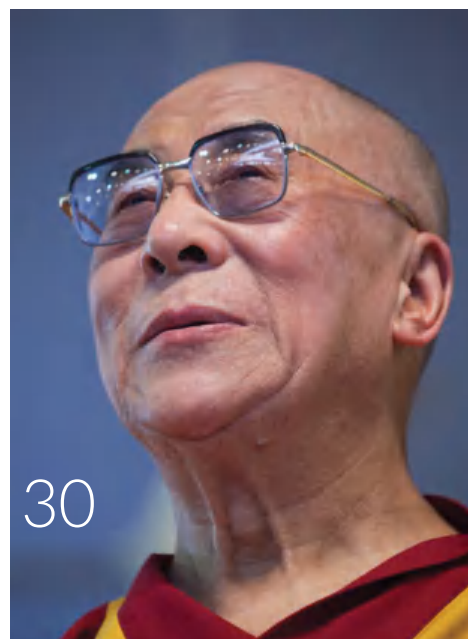
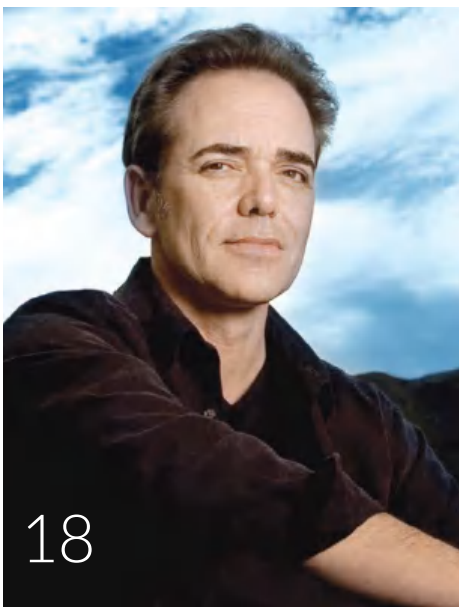
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FROM THE EDITOR



THIS month resonates with memories of war and particularly the tragedies and triumphs of the Second World War.

It was on 1 September, 1939, that war broke out.

On 15 September, 1940, the Battle of Britain achieved its greatest victory, thwarting the Luftwaffe's largest attack on London and south-east England.

Coincidentally, exactly 25 years earlier, on 15 September, 1915, Raymond Lodge, son of eminent British physicist Sir Oliver Lodge, died in Flanders during World War One.

Finally, on 2 September, 1945, six years after it began, World War Two ended.

So we make no apologies for recalling some of these events in this issue, particularly as Spiritualists and spirit messages figure prominently in these historic battles.

It is right that we, and many other publications and media outlets, should commemorate at this time the sacrifice and achievements of those brave souls who fought for their country and for freedom.

Let us not forget, either, the enormous

loss of life that entailed, and the grief that millions suffered in many countries.

Fortunately, there were mediums who could comfort some of the bereaved with messages from their loved ones. There were also brave individuals, in both wars – people like Sir Oliver Lodge and Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding – who were prepared to share the evidence they received, and the spiritual insights they derived from that information, with a much wider audience.

Their books are still in print. The evidence they contain still deserves examination. And it ought to be more widely known.

For that reason, this issue of *Psychic News* serves to commemorate all that was great in human terms during two dreadful periods of our history that were blood-soaked and grief-stricken.

The message that Spiritualism offered then and continues to do so is that death is not the end. It is a beginning.

We can only hope that a greater acceptance of that truth may, eventually, change the behaviour of those who continue to believe they can gain victory over others by violence and brutality – and particularly those who use religion as their excuse for such atrocities.

The only way we can fight that is by demonstrating the power of love.

ROY STEMMAN

Psychic News: the voice of Spiritualism

Two of Spiritualism's leading exponents helped create and launch *Psychic News* in 1932. Hannen Swaffer, one of the UK's most famous journalists, and Maurice Barbanell, a businessman who was also a trance medium, recognised the need for a publication that would satisfy the public's desire for up-to-date and independent information about Spiritualism and mediumship.

They regularly addressed audiences of thousands in theatres around the country as families came to terms with the loss of loved ones who had died in World War One and the devastating Spanish flu pandemic of 1918. Barbanell was its first editor and Swaffer became a regular contributor.

Today, eight decades later, *Psychic News* continues to be the independent voice of Spiritualism in a very different world. What has not changed is the desire to have an answer to The Big Question: What happens after death? *Psychic News* makes a unique contribution to that debate every month with news, features and opinion pieces that explore the evidence for an afterlife and spirit communication.

Above all, Spiritualism and *Psychic News* are life-affirming, so our features also explore ways in which readers can enrich their lives spiritually and make the right choices. Why not let us be your travelling companion, offering words of wisdom and support, as you continue on your soul's journey through this lifetime?

Cilla Black sought dead husband's advice

BRITISH pop star and TV presenter, who died of a stroke at her Spanish villa on August 2, never made any secret of her belief in the spirit world.

In the late 1980s she spoke of seeing the figure of a young girl in her bedroom in the middle of the night. The girl was about 14 years old, wore a mob cap and had long dark hair.

Cilla said she didn't feel frightened and immediately liked the visiting spirit, whom she named Laura Ashley because of the way she was dressed. "Laura", who had also been seen by a journalist friend, returned several times.

"She's not a sad, tormented spirit like you read about in ghost stories," Cilla explained. "She seems very happy. So long as she likes our house, she's welcome to stay."

Michael Hellicar, who used to edit Cilla's weekly column for a national newspaper in the 1990s, has revealed (*Daily Mail*, 6 August) that it was he who saw the ghost of a young girl walking up the stairs of Cilla's home in Denham, Buckinghamshire, during a visit.

He thought she was the couple's nanny but was puzzled by the way she was dressed – until Cilla told him of the ghostly visitations. Their descriptions of the girl were identical.

Cilla's research suggested it was the spirit of Lilian, the daughter of a gardener, Thomas Redley and his wife, who occupied the servants' quarters in the grounds, in the 1900s. Her parents died when she was young and Lilian is said to

have died of pneumonia at the age of 14 in 1912. She was then working as a maid.

Later, Cilla and Bobby were approached by a woman in an Indian restaurant they often visited. She told

them their home was haunted by a troubled young girl, adding that she had not died from pneumonia but in childbirth.

"All you have to do to bring her peace is to gently tell her that her baby has grown up and is now in spirit with her," she advised.

The singer's husband, Bobby Willis, who died in 1999, had been her manager and helped develop her career. While hosting *Blind Date*, Cilla Black was labelled the highest paid woman on British television.

In 2003, when she was considering leaving the show after nearly 18 years, she wanted assurance from Bobby that this would be a wise move. So she consulted a London clairvoyant.

"I walked into the room and before I'd even sat down she said, 'You're frightened and excited. Bobby says that it's OK. You're

doing the right thing,'" she told *The Sun*.

Five years later, Cilla and her son Robert Willis became part-owners of a premium phone-line company offering advice from psychics. Lending her name to such a project brought a lot of criticism.

Cilla insisted it was the psychics' accuracy rather than the big profits which

persuaded her to create the phone-line company, Destiny Calls Ltd.

It was a diversion from the true path of Priscilla White, the Liverpool girl from the famous Cavern Club, who grew up with The Beatles and became Cilla Black.

Her natural ability to sing led to fame but it also brought problems. American singer Dionne Warwick was furious when chart-topping songs written for her were recorded by Cilla with greater success in the UK than the originals. The song *Anyone Who Had a Heart* was UK Number 1 for 3 weeks, with sales of 950,000 copies. *Walk On By* was another success.

Coincidentally, Dionne Warwick also had an interest in psychic matters which began as a result of talking to a clairvoyant in 1987. She predicted Dionne would win two Grammy awards that year. "I did, and it freaked me out," she told the *Daily Mail*.

Dionne, too, was financially involved with a psychic phone-in service which re-directed callers to mediums. *Psychic Friends Network* was launched in 1991, but was declared bankrupt in 1998, though it has since been relaunched.

In an interview with the *Mirror* last year, Cilla Black said she liked the idea of passing away at the age of 75.

"I don't want to linger. I don't want to be a burden on anybody. I know 75 is only four years away, but I take each day as I find it.

Cilla was granted her own quick exit after a fall on her terrace on a hot August afternoon. A childhood friend, Terry McCann, who had seen her last year, told the BBC that she told him she knew she was going to die and her husband Bobby was waiting for her.

Among the hundreds of condolences from friends and fans was a message from former rival Dionne Warwick:

"Saddened to hear that my friendly foe has made her transition. My sincere condolences to her family. The heavenly choir will add another rich full voice. 'Rest in peace' is my prayer for her soul."



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Grave concerns about Fox Sisters' headstone ... and movie

AFTER a long campaign, the international organisation Spiritualist Connections has been granted permission to have the now unreadable headstone on the grave of Margaret and Kate Fox re-carved.

In recent years, Spiritualists visiting the Cypress Hills cemetery in New York City's Brooklyn district have been appalled at the deteriorating condition of the headstone erected in memory of two women who played a vital role in the founding of the Spiritualist movement.

The inscription on the gravestone is almost illegible and needs re-carving at a cost of \$3,500. A world-wide fund-raising campaign has been announced by well-known American author and Spiritualist minister Marilyn J. Awtry.

Margaretta (Margaret) and Catherine (Kate), together with their older sister Leah and their parents, experienced rappings in their Hydesville cottage at Rochester, New York State, in 1848. The discovery that they could communicate with a spirit via the raps led to the development of their mediumship and the birth of Spiritualism. As a result, they are regarded as its founders.

Controversy surrounded their later years and Leah fell out with her sisters. Margaret and Kate died in poverty within

nine months of each other in the early 1890s. Through the kindness of friends they were buried together at Cypress Hills cemetery.

Not only are the Fox sisters in the news because of their gravestone restoration but they are also to be the subjects of a new movie currently under development by Fox Searchlight.

The storyline has been adapted from a two-part article by the prolific writer and journalist Carl Carmer (1893-1976), which appeared in the *New Yorker* in 1936, entitled *Voices Through the Trumpet*.

Advance publicity suggests that the story of ghostly activities in "the first haunted house" (the Fox family's cottage) was only brought to light by Carmer in 1936 after years of lying undiscovered in *New Yorker* archives.

The publicists make the absurd claim that the story "now has a chance to live on". American Spiritualists should soon correct that misconception.

The Foxes' so-called haunted cottage was moved from Hydesville to the Lily Dale Assembly in 1915 and was destroyed by fire in 1955. However, the cottage's foundations are still *in situ* and are on display at Hydesville Memorial Park, which is described as "the birthplace and shrine of modern Spiritualism".

The pre-production promotional material for the movie claims Carmer "ventured back to the haunted house and the Spiritualist community years later to try to figure out what really happened, and is met with terrifying answers."

At this stage, it's clearly impossible to decide if it will be fact or fiction.



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The Fox sisters. From left to right: Margaret, Kate and Leah



Cover of 16 May 1936 issue of *The New Yorker* that printed *Voices Through the Trumpet*



Arthur Eastment with Paignton Spiritualist Church president Joan Boydell (right) and vice president Sue Bancroft..

Healer celebrates 90th birthday

FOR A quarter of a century or more, Arthur Eastment has been giving healing in Paignton SNU Church, Devon. His wife Doreen worked alongside him for much of that time until her passing three years ago.

So it was no surprise that many of the church's members joined its large healing team, committee and some of the patients who have benefited from the healing sessions, to celebrate Arthur's 90th birthday on 3 August.

He first visited the church when he decided to accompany his elderly mother, a strong "chapel" lady, who wanted to investigate Spiritualism out of curiosity. Arthur just wanted to make sure she came to no harm – or encountered evil spirits!

He took the precaution of sitting behind a large lady so that the demonstrating medium could not see him. However, there was no hiding from Lilian Hurst, who was then church president, and she gave him a forthright message that changed his life.

Soon afterwards Arthur received a message from Gordon Higginson confirming that he was a "powerhouse for healing". Arthur started to develop awareness of spirit and derived inspiration from the writings of that great healer Harry Edwards. This led to his dedication to spiritual healing.

It was a 90th birthday well celebrated with food, a glass of wine and a cake, depicting healing hands.



Benefits fraud mediums must repay £180,000 or face prison sentences

... and they lose their SNU membership

FOLLOWING their conviction for a benefits scam that is said to have extended over a 16-year period, husband-and-wife mediums Timothy and Janette Abbott have been removed from membership of the Spiritualists' National Union (SNU).

At a proceeds of crime hearing at Stafford Crown Court on 10 August, they were ordered to pay back a total of £183,450 they falsely claimed from British taxpayers. Recorder Prof Martin Wasik ordered Timothy Abbott to forfeit £86,524 and his wife to pay back £96,926.

If they fail to do so within three months they will each face two years in jail.

As reported in *Psychic News* (April 2015), the Stafford-based mediums dishonestly obtained thousands of pounds in disability, housing and council tax benefits. Mr Abbott was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment – he has now been released – and his wife received a similar sentence, suspended for 18 months.

Between them they accrued large sums of money by claiming incapacity benefit and disability living allowances, but their fraudulent claims were exposed by undercover filming showing them leading active lives – he working out in a gym and she out shopping and lifting a heavy bag.

The conviction and subsequent appearance at the proceeds of crime hearing have made local and national headlines.

Unsurprisingly, the SNU's National Executive Committee met soon after their conviction verdicts were announced and decided that they should both have their membership of the Union removed.

"They will not be permitted to reapply for membership for five years when the then NEC will take a view on any application, should it be made," SNU president David Bruton told *Psychic News*.



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This decision relates to an SNU bye-law that says when a member is charged with an indictable offence the Union must immediately suspend their membership, pending the outcome of a trial. If they are acquitted they are reinstated with no blemish on their character. If they are convicted then it goes back to the NEC to make a final decision, depending on the nature of the crime.

This bye-law gives the members in question the right to make representations on their behalf – which the Abbotts did – but this did not change the NEC's resolve to remove their membership.

Yet this decision will have little impact on the Abbotts as working mediums, since it does not prevent them from demonstrating or running courses in SNU churches. It will,

however, prohibit Timothy Abbott from participating in activities as a tutor at the Arthur Findlay College.

It is thought likely that the SNU will decide to review how it deals with such cases in the future, should they arise, in order to impose greater restrictions on individuals whose behaviour brings Spiritualism into disrepute.

Timothy Abbott – whose courses include one on "Raising Standards" – continued to publicise his work as a medium and teacher throughout the period of his arraignment and trial.

He has since announced that he and two other mediums will be touring with a show called "The Awakening". If he and his wife fail to repay their false benefit claims, they are likely to experience a rude awakening.

In the meantime, it will be for individual Spiritualist churches to decide whether or not they wish to use mediums with criminal records.



New life for Conan Doyle's Undershaw



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AFTER YEARS of neglect, failed planning applications and desperate efforts by conservationists, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Surrey mansion, Undershaw, has at last found a new purpose.

In 2014 the DFN Charitable Foundation, established by financier David Forbes-Nixon, purchased the almost derelict three-storey house in Hindhead, 45 miles south-west of London. It will become Stepping Stones School, for children with physical, medical and autistic problems.

Sir Arthur planned the house around the needs of his sick wife, Louise, and his children. The family moved there in 1897 and were living at Undershaw when he received his knighthood in 1902. It was there he wrote *The Hound of the Baskervilles* and other works.

Apart from Thomas Hardy's house, Undershaw is the only English "literary house" designed by the resident writer.

Sir Arthur's wife died of tuberculosis in 1906. A year later he married Jean Leckie and they moved from Undershaw, renting it out in the hope that his son, Kingsley, might eventually take over. Sadly, that was not to be. Kingsley died, and in 1921 Undershaw was sold.

It next changed hands in 1935, when a local family bought it, and then the house became a successful small hotel and restaurant for almost 70 years, well patronised by Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts.

In 2004 there was another sale, this time to Fossway Ltd, a development company which bought house and grounds for around £1 million intending to convert Undershaw into townhouses.

It has since remained unoccupied,

deteriorating as weather, vandalism and looting took their toll while planning officials rejected various schemes and campaigners sought to preserve it as a tribute to a great British writer.

Valiant rescue efforts were made by the Undershaw Preservation Trust, the Victorian Society, English Heritage, the Sherlock Holmes Society, and the many Conan Doyle societies and individual supporters in the UK and abroad.

UPGRADE REFUSED

In 2007, the then Government Culture Secretary, Tessa Jowell, refused an application to upgrade Undershaw from Grade II status to Grade I, which would have ranked it with the homes of Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, Charles Kingsley, Elizabeth Gaskell, poet John Keats, and the Brontë family.

Tessa Jowell's reason for her decision was, "Conan Doyle does not occupy a significant enough position in the nation's consciousness. He cannot be said to be an author of the standing of Charles Dickens or Jane Austen."

This infuriated Conan Doyle fans around the world. Scots writer Ian Rankin accused her of "literary snobbery."

In June 2010 Waverley Borough Council declined the opportunity to buy Undershaw. "We don't have that kind of money," explained the chief planning officer. Since then there have been protests, appeals and a call for a High Court judicial review, which was rejected.

Eventually, in 2014, David Forbes-Nixon of the DFN Trust won approval from the local council for his Undershaw plan, and

contracts were exchanged for its purchase.

"We are determined to build on the great work of Stepping Stones to create a truly outstanding special school which shines out as a role model for others to follow," he announced.

"We will give full access to the local community and to Conan Doyle enthusiasts so they can enjoy the facilities and heritage at the Undershaw site which would not be possible if it was a private house."

Not everyone approves, of course, but Richard Doyle, great-nephew of Sir Arthur, does support the school plans. He said, "I do not believe that Undershaw should be preserved in aspic, but lived in and laughed in."

"If it is possible for some of this magical, special building to become the heart of a new school that contributes to the thriving community of Hindhead, then I would be very happy."

Unanimous support for the DFN project has also come from Haslemere Town Council, South West Surrey MP Jeremy Hunt and Surrey County Council. Even Undershaw Preservation Trust now supports the plans "as long as the historical elements of the property are protected."

A £1 million fund-raising appeal has been launched to help redevelop and equip the building to make it suitable for its new residents. If you would like to make a donation, go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/make-a-donation/> and click on the Charity option and type "DFN Charitable Foundation". Postal donations can be sent to DFN Charitable Foundation's registered office at 10 Norwich Street, London EC4A 1BD.





Kerris Dillon (left) gives a psychic reading to Jan Herrington.

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Professor of psychology hears spirit voices

... and puts the ability to good use as a working medium

KERRIS DILLON, PhD, successfully combines two careers, as an academic and as a medium.

By day she lectures in the psychology and human relations departments at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA. At other times she can be found conveying messages from the spirit world to her many clients seeking comfort or advice.

Dillon, 38, heard "voices" as a child. She could not understand where they came from, nor why others did not hear them. Now she not only hears spirits, but also sees them. She refers to them as her curse.

Her local newspaper, *The Gazette*, caught up with Kerris in July, when she was about to give a reading to one of her clients.

Discussing her gift with reporter Liz Zabel, she explained that sometimes the noise within her head is so distracting

that her ears begin to hurt and she feels physically ill.

"I try to ignore it, but they won't leave me alone," she said. "Sometimes they just won't give up.

"If you have ever had ringing in your ears, that's spirits trying to get your attention. I ignored it for 15 years," she said. The reason was that she thought she would somehow "become something bad" if she used it. Having begun to use the gift, she said she felt "a sense of unity of self".

After deciding to make use of this intrusive gift, Dillon tried it out by giving readings to friends at university. Now she calculates that she has more than 200 clients. At the outset her services were free, but now charges between \$50 and \$80 for a reading lasting up to two hours.

There are exceptions. For recently-bereaved families, or in certain sensitive situations, she makes no charge.

The gift of hearing spirit voices is not one Dillon would wish upon her own three children because she believes it can be very stressful. Her autistic eight-year-old son Gabe is showing signs that he may have it because he still talks to imaginary friends.

Gabe's condition was her motivation to pursue the study of psychiatry. To this end she has applied, and is hoping for acceptance to, the University of Iowa Medical School in December.

Kerris is hoping to specialise in studying autism, and has an ambition to build a retreat where autistic children and their parents can go to relax. She expects that learning the science behind the illness through studying medicine will help to refine her psychic skills to sense her patients' illnesses.



Focus on children at charity events

OXFORDSHIRE

An evening of clairvoyance at Oxford Spiritualist Church was one of the fundraisers for SeeSaw, an Oxfordshire charity that helps children cope with the death of a parent or sibling.

Julie Barrett, sister of Cowley medium Elaine Bellinger, died in 2000, leaving her eight-year-old son Leigh completely traumatised and in the care of his grandparents. He found school life very difficult to cope with.

Ms Bellinger made contact with the new children's bereavement charity and was delighted with the result.

"They played games with Leigh, took him out and built up a relationship with him. They have given our family a lot of support, and it's important to keep raising funds," she said. The charity now supports more than 400 children in the county.

LANCASHIRE

In Skelmersdale, West Lancashire, funding has been approved for a sensory garden and play park in memory of three-year-old Millie Heaton, who died last year of child cancer, neuroblastoma.

Her family has thanked everyone who raised funds, including Lyndsey Davis for her Spiritualist evening, Amy Gilbert for taking part in the Liverpool Marathon, and Sonya Griffin, who did a fundraiser at Stocks Hall Care Home.



New Zealand NDE study examines well-being



Photo: Melchizedek Academy International

PSYCHOLOGY lecturer Dr Natasha Tassell-Matamua (pictured above), a leading near-death experience (NDE) researcher, has received a Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award in Indigenous Development. Fulbright promotes educational and cultural exchanges between New Zealand and the United States.

Dr Tassell-Matamua will be presenting findings of a recent New Zealand study at the International Association for Near-Death Studies conference in San Antonio, Texas (3-6 September). The study assessed knowledge about and attitudes towards NDEs as well as investigating the effect of NDE education on well-being, including from a Maori perspective.

"People who have NDEs are positively transformed by them," she says. "Yet those who do not have NDEs, but learn about them, can be affected in similarly positive ways."

"The beneficial implications of 'NDE education', particularly in relation to advancing Maori and Pasifika well-being, certainly warrant further exploration." (Pasifika refers to people who have migrated to New Zealand from the Pacific Islands.)

Her project is part of an on-going

programme of NDE research she is conducting in New Zealand, which aims to enrich global understanding of the phenomenon.

Dr Tassell-Matamua explains, "The unique socio-cultural compilation of the New Zealand population enables the programme to explore how cultural diversity is relevant to NDE research. The implications of incorporating validated spiritual knowledge evident in NDEs into specific health settings, such as mental health and palliative care, will also be addressed in my research."

After the conference Dr Tassell-Matamua will travel to meet renowned NDE researcher Prof Janice Holden at the University of North Texas.

Fulbright New Zealand executive director Penelope Borland says that in this globalised and rapidly changing world, its programme is especially relevant.

"New Zealand must ensure that its future leaders receive the best possible international education, as well as the broadest possible exposure to international thinking and trends."

"One of the aims of the Fulbright programme is to develop the thought leaders of tomorrow," she adds.



Healing after car crash triggers gift

Jeanette Pearson's life changed in 2002 when she was involved in a serious accident and damaged her neck. There was no improvement in her condition until she received spiritual healing, after which she saw an immediate change for the better.

"I believe the healing triggered my own ability to help people," she told *The Comet*, her local newspaper in Stevenage, Herts.

"Through the process of getting well, I also realised we don't have to keep hurting ourselves with painful memories. We can forgive ourselves and others. I wanted to help people realise this, and experience life with a completely different perspective."

Jeanette Pearson was a finalist in this year's *Comet* Community Award's Role Model of the Year category. She now connects with people through healing, readings and past life regression.



Blind president helps the handicapped

The new president of a Spiritualist Church in East Sussex has turned a handicap into an advantage.

Blind from birth, Louise Eaton, president of the Brotherhood Gates Church, in St James's Street, Brighton, uses her disability to help others through her mediumship which, she claims, has more authenticity because she cannot know who is in the audience, nor can she "read body language."

Speaking to *Brighton Argus*, she said, "There are no tricks. I just deliver messages to people whose relatives are dead."

Even as a child, Louise knew she was "different", but only became involved with mediumship as a platform medium after her father died 13 years ago.

The church holds its regular services upstairs, but Louise arranged for a special event to be held on the ground floor on July 15 to create easier access for disabled people. "There are not enough opportunities for disabled people to get involved with spirituality," she said.

Louise works full-time at the church, holding Divine Service on Sundays, a service with mediumship on Tuesdays and spiritual healing from 11am on Fridays. Private readings costing £10 are given on a drop-in basis.



Monk pleads guilty to harassing witches

A COURT in Leicester heard a monk plead guilty to harassment after telling two lesbian witches, "We used to burn people like you."

Nigel Chapman, prosecuting, said Damon Kelly, a member of an Irish Catholic group, the Black Hermits, claimed he was doing God's work.

He first encountered the two women last year while leafleting against what he considered sinful lifestyles. He later

delivered a letter to their home addressed "To the witches from the monk."

Kevin Sayce, defending, said Kelly had never aimed to confront the women. His motive, his calling, was to target the sin and not the sinner.

District Judge Tim Daber adjourned the case for three weeks to assess whether or not Kelly was fit for unpaid work. He was remanded on bail with the condition not to deliver any more leaflets.



Reiki for young patients

THANKS TO extra funding, The Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital in Brighton, East Sussex (pictured above), has announced that it now provides specialist reiki therapists for patients on an individual basis.

This is particularly beneficial to young patients on the high dependency unit, as they can be treated at their bedsides. Parents and staff recognise that this type of complementary therapy can relieve symptoms of chronic and acute illness and stress, aiding relaxation and sleep.

The funding enables the reiki therapists to double the amount of time they spend with patients, from five hours a week to ten.

Rockinghorse, the fundraising branch of the hospital, raises money for extra vital medical equipment, ensuring the children are treated in a specialised environment better suited to their needs.

Dr Ramal Patel, paediatric consultant, said, "To have such a fantastic team of people offering reiki really helps our patients get better quicker."



New scientific study of mediumship announced

Lew Sutton reports from a London conference on a new spirit of collaboration between Science and Spiritualism



FOR Spiritualists the most important presentation at this year's annual Society for Psychical Research (SPR) conference was the announcement of cooperation between itself, the Spiritualists' National Union (SNU) and Northampton University in a study of mediumship.

Held at Greenwich University, housed in the historic Royal Naval College buildings on the banks of the River Thames and just a short distance away from the Royal Observatory, this year's SPR conference was a larger event than usual, being combined with the American-based Parapsychology Association's conference.

The new study was announced in a presentation called "Building Links between Communities: Establishment of a Research Laboratory for the Scientific Study of Mediumship at the Arthur Findlay College" by Chris A. Roe, David Bruton, Chris Connelly, David Saunders and Rachel Evenden.

A bit of a mouthful, but typical of scientific papers and presentations!

The paper was presented by Professor Chris Roe who heads the Centre for the Study of Anomalous Psychological Processes at the University of Northampton (see "Searching for Psychic Powers" in PN's August issue, p37). SNU president David Bruton's presence was needed at the SNU's own conference in Newcastle so he could not attend.

Roe discussed the project and the role of the Arthur Findlay College (AFC). He said the project fitted in well with the original ethos envisaged by Arthur Findlay who bequeathed the property (known as Stansted Hall) to the SNU in 1954 for use as a centre for psychic science.

The programme builds on previous cooperation with SPR members, such as

the Psychical Research Involving Selected Mediums (PRISM) project started in 1991. In more recent years, SPR members and Northampton University parapsychologists have been involved in joint participation in Science Days and weeks hosted by the SNU. Medium Matthew Smith has been working closely with the university team to initiate the joint programme.

In order to obtain first-hand experience of mediumship Chris Roe and one of his team, Rachel Evenden, have participated in mediumship courses at AFC. Also, both

lectured recently at the very successful "Where Science Meets Spiritualism" seminar at Paignton Spiritualist Church (reported in PN, May issue). They showed genuine enthusiasm at the seminar to bridge the gap between science and Spiritualism.

As part of the project, it is planned to use state-of-the-art

non-invasive physiological monitoring of mediums participating in the experiments. A successful pilot trial has been carried out on three mediums at one of the AFC services. Being small and relatively unobtrusive, modern monitoring equipment such as EEGs (measuring electrical brain wave patterns) do not hinder mediumship demonstrations.

The SNU has provided space to establish a laboratory at AFC for mediumship research which will include two small rooms for physically separating participants in mediumship experiments and traditional psychic testing, such as Ganzfeld-style trials.

Funds for the project have been provided by Northampton University, the SPR and Spiritualist organisations. This will provide an opportunity for researchers to work with a great many mediums from across the world who visit the college to attend

courses.

Roe is encouraged by the positive reaction to the proposals and sees this project as a major step forward in bridging the long-standing gulf between science and Spiritualism. His interest in the psychology of mediumship may turn out to be most beneficial to the AFC's mediumship teaching programme – and indeed throughout Spiritualism.

The study findings may bring to light the qualities to look for in students in order to steer them to the most appropriate methods for developing their mediumistic abilities. Mediumship is such an individualistic, eclectic attribute that the "one-glove-fits-all" approach, seemingly currently in vogue at AFC, may well be improved upon in the light of knowledge gained from this study.

Many of the 45 or so presentations were by parapsychologists aimed, I suspect, at fellow academics and probably of limited interest to most Spiritualists. Due to the terminology that has grown up amongst professional academics, just understanding the titles of some of the papers was a challenge!

But there were presentations on subjects that would appeal to Spiritualists.

- Michael Potts spoke on world views and interpretation of Survival evidence:
- Erlendur Haraldsson discussed the physical phenomena produced by Icelandic medium Indridi Indridason and compared his mediumship to D. D. Home's and Rudi Schneider's.
- Mary Rose Barrington outlined the challenge to realism caused by spontaneous dematerialisation and restoration of objects.
- Peter Mulacz from Austria spoke on the problems of monitoring physical mediumship brought on by Kai Muegge being found to have been fraudulent on occasions.
- Callum Cooper and his team examined the therapeutic value of spontaneous post-death phenomena.
- Lesley-Ann Smith and colleagues reported on telephone telepathy experiences.

“A research laboratory has been established at the Arthur Findlay College.”



ARMENIA

TV psychic found murdered



A POPULAR psychic, Ani Majnumyan, was found murdered in her flat in the Ajapniak district of Yerevan, Armenia, early last month. The famous clairvoyant had appeared on the eastern European country's version of the TV programme *The Sixth Sense*.

Her body was found in the bedroom and she had suffered multiple stab wounds. The apartment had been ransacked. A criminal case has been opened.

Sona Truzyan, advisor to the head of Armenia's Investigative Committee, indicated that the police believed it was a contract killing committed for mercenary motives, combined with extortion, robbery or banditry.

As we go to press, a 20-year-old man has been arrested for her murder. 

Professor suggests deaths of three scientists is more than coincidence

SOCIETY for Psychical Research (SPR) member, Professor Peter Wadhams, who is one of the world's top experts on climate change, made headlines at the end of July when he suggested that an "extraordinary coincidence" may be something more sinister.

The Professor of Ocean Physics at Cambridge University, has drawn attention to the sudden deaths of three scientists within the space of a few months in early 2013. They had all been investigating the melting of Arctic ice.

One of the scientists – all of whom he named – fell down a flight of stairs at a New Year's Eve party in Essex; one died after a collision with a lorry when cycling to work in London; and the third is thought to have been struck by lightning while walking in Scotland.

Prof Wadhams believes he was also targeted by a lorry which tried to force him off the road soon after one of the deaths – an incident he reported to the police.

Despite the fear of being labelled "looney" for speaking out, he suspects this cluster of deaths could have been more than coincidence. Asked by *The Telegraph* if he believed hitmen were behind the deaths, and if so why, he replied:

"Yes. I do believe assassins possibly murdered them... I can only think of the oil lobby but I don't think the oil lobby goes around killing people."

Some relatives of those he named were outraged by the suggestion.

Prof Wadhams combined his expertise in oceanography and the paranormal to lecture to the SPR a few years ago on the ill-fated Franklin Arctic Expedition of 1845 and the attempts by psychics to locate it when it went missing. 

Mormons reveal their paranormal origins

Founder's seer stone put on show

IN A move designed to give the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints greater transparency, officials at the religion's Salt Lake City have released photographs of the scrying stone it says was used by its founder, Joseph Smith, 185 years ago.

Although crystal balls are usually associated with scrying – and Smith did possess one, apparently – readers of *Psychic News* will know that other objects can also be employed to heighten psychic awareness (see Billy Roberts' feature, "Cultivate clairvoyance by scrying" – PN August 2015).

Smith made particular use of a stone which helped him focus on the visions he received.

He was described as a seer from the church's earliest days. *The Book of Mormon*, on which the religion is based, is said to have been translated by Smith "by the gift and power of God", using two seer stones given to him, along with golden plates of Egyptian origin, by an angel named Moroni.

The stones enabled Smith to translate the plates and write the book.

This has been known by Mormon historians throughout the church's history but only now have photographs of the seer stones been shown to the public. Images were made available to the media at the beginning of August. 

Naked truth about long marriage

AFTER 55 years of marriage, a Lincolnshire couple decided to renew their wedding vows in a ceremony at Skegness.

Stuart Haywood, 78, and his wife Rhona, 84, made the ceremony part of a concert they arranged for 43 guests at a naturist venue to which they go on holiday.

Most of those attending were naked, though Stuart did keep his shoes and socks on and his wife was fully clothed. She enjoys naturism but prefers to preserve her modesty.

"The service was conducted by a trainee Spiritualist minister," Stuart told the *East Lindsey Target*.

"He sat behind us during the concert and it wasn't until he came round the front for the ritual of the tying of hands that I realised he had taken his clothes off and was naked as well. It was a very memorable day."

The newspaper's report suggests that perhaps the Haywoods are also Spiritualists. But that possibility – unlike Stuart – remains shrouded in mystery. 

GHOSTS & HAUNTINGS

Did ghost terrify famous TV presenter's dogs?



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BECAUSE former BBC TV breakfast-time presenter Selina Scott believed her two dogs were terrified by ghosts in her kitchen, she sought appropriate help. She also based a three-part series of radio programmes on the experience.

Selina is not a timid woman. She fought and famously beat the BBC in a battle against ageism. Today, she runs a successful internet business, selling cashmere and mohair goods.

Although she had been aware of "fleeting apparitions" in her kitchen, she admitted to being "in total shock" at the reaction of her two dogs, left overnight in the kitchen of her North Yorkshire farmhouse.

Cross-collie Nip was "covered in blood" and Alsatian Kiki hid in the large fireplace and was "cowering and shivering in terror." The door had been chewed.

Interviewed about her ghostly experience by the *Mirror* and the *Mail*, plus the Good Morning breakfast show, Selina said she had always been perfectly happy in the house, without any ghost problems until recently.

"I live in an area of great religious antiquity, on a ley line," she said. "This house, being more than 500 years old, has a remarkable history in which there may well have been dark passages."

To find out more about ghosts and the afterlife, Selina conducted a series of interviews on Radio 4's *One to One* programme. The first was with Canon Paul Greenwell, Precentor of Ripon Cathedral. She had earlier asked him to visit her house and advise her.

Having trained as a biologist before entering the Church he believes he takes an analytical and considered approach to the subject.

"The more we know, the more we need to know," he said. "This sort of stuff is quite common."

He explained that every Church of



Selina Scott with her dogs Nip and Dougie

Photo: selinascott.com

England diocese has a "Deliverance Team", to deal with situations similar to Selina's, where unexplained "ghostly" activities disturb the peace of the house. "My job is to advise the clergy how to deal with it," he said. It would appear that he also has psychic sensitivities.

"Your kitchen has a wonderful atmosphere," he told Selina. "There is nothing evil. This is the oldest part of the house. Children and animals are very psychic. Your dogs are very clever at picking up place memories."

"I believe in life after death," commented Selina.

"Sometimes people get lost between this world and the next," Canon Greenwell responded. He told the story of a man who committed suicide because of an unhappy love affair. The woman involved, who was psychic herself, sought help for the man's restless spirit from Canon Greenwell, who at that time was a vicar. He asked for the man's name, and conducted a Requiem Mass for him, without telling the woman.

Next time he saw her she said, "I have a message for you, vicar." It was from the man who had died. He said, "Tell that vicar I'm grateful to him, because I didn't know I was dead."

"I told the woman I had offered a Requiem Mass for him."

"I know you did," she said. "He told me."

Canon Greenwell went on to tell the story of a family whose very young daughter refused to go into the bathroom because she said there was "a man in the loo." What she didn't know was that a previous occupant had died there. Paul Greenwell had conducted his funeral.

"We hold a house blessing in these cases, not an exorcism," he said.

On the matter of poltergeists, the canon said, "Poltergeists have nothing to do with ghosts. A poltergeist is not a person. It is an energy coming out, a sign of deep discord and stress in the house, triggered by some person there in a state of great tension."

"How do we know what is a ghost?" asked Selina.

"It is unfinished business," was Canon Greenwell's reply.

"I have seen and smelled ghosts. I went to one house where the family was troubled by a smell of mothballs. I could smell them too. The family never used mothballs, 'But Mum always did,' they said.

"Memory and smell go together. We said prayers, gave a house blessing and the mothballs disappeared."

Selina and her dogs await results of their blessing.



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SPIRITUALISM

Gordon Smith takes the helm at London Spiritual Mission

AFTER a period of uncertainty that saw changes at the top and a declining membership, one of the UK's oldest Spiritualist churches, the London Spiritual Mission (LSM), in the city's Notting Hill district, has bounced back.

It has a new president – Gordon Smith, among the UK's best-known and most evidential mediums, was appointed president in May – and membership has more than doubled.

Despite living in Scotland and having a busy schedule of demonstrations throughout Britain and overseas, Gordon intends taking an active role, particularly in mediumship and healing development.

He took over from medium Peter Geekie whose resignation as president, due to ill-health, was announced earlier this year (PN April 2015).

"I was asked to take on the role two years ago," Gordon tells *Psychic News*, "but I didn't feel the time was right. But now, my gut instinct says 'Yes'.

"I first set foot inside the LSM 25 years ago as a visitor. I sat at the back of the

church. Don Galloway was demonstrating that day and he recognised me and invited me up to the rostrum.

"A couple of months later I returned to do the Animal Service. That was the first time I served the church."

In the quarter century that has elapsed, Gordon has frequently served the church, and earlier this year he took the Animal Service once again, alongside Peter Geekie and Marie Lang, raising £4,000 for animal charities. The LSM congregation also donated £800 to the Nepal earthquake appeal.

Welcoming Gordon Smith as the new president, Doreen Quinell, joint vice president of the LSM committee, who has been associated with the church for 20 years, said:

"We are delighted Gordon has agreed to take up this role. We are all very excited at the LSM, because for the first time we hope to offer, with Gordon's guidance, certification for our healers and development groups. We're really looking forward to a significant step forward in

spiritual teaching."

Developing new talent and providing certification for those who achieve the required standard in mediumship and healing has long been a focus of Gordon's work.

"This is a system I've been working with for the last 10 years," he explains. "I started to build a formula – called the College of Intuitive Studies – for people in Germany, Switzerland and Austria who didn't have a foundation in Spiritualism, by creating this very basic system of sitting in circle and teaching them how it used to be done.

"I was never taught to be a medium – thank God – I was taught to create a link with Spirit. That's what we'll do, using my technique. I'm in the process of writing up and adapting my European courses for use in a Spiritualist church environment."

He will be supported by healer Steven Levetts, and intends to participate in the courses as often as his busy schedule will allow.



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FROM TAROT TO TRANCE

HOW TO BE AN EVIDENTIAL MEDIUM

JOHN HOLLAND, one of the world's top exponents of spirit communication, reveals the secrets of his mediumistic development

GROWING up on the streets of Boston, Massachusetts, one of five children from a working class Irish-Italian Catholic family, John Holland realised he was different.

"I used to see spirit people in my bedroom when I was young," he explains, "and I knew what was going to happen or what people would say before they said it. I thought at that time that everyone could do that." When he realised this was not the case, John did his best to hide his psychic ability.

It took an automobile accident at the age of 30, in the early 1990s, to change his life completely. Though he was not seriously injured, the trauma of the crash had suddenly intensified his psychic ability.

"It was instantaneous. It was so fast. And I felt an energy surging straight through me. My psychic abilities seemed to become 100 times stronger."

John, who was living in Los Angeles, California, decided to embark on a psychic career. He was prepared to give up his job at a hotel, but first he needed to start using his abilities and developing them to help people in some way. He did so by giving tarot readings in an aromatherapy shop.

"I never really read the deck – I believe the images, colours and words on them are wonderful teaching tools to access and develop your intuitive abilities. I wasn't going by what the book said, but images would pop into my mind that pertained to the client in front of me."

After two years of doing part-time tarot readings, something strange and totally unexpected happened.

"I'd be giving someone a reading about their career and in would come their Uncle Joe or their Aunt Charlotte, and I said, 'What's happening? What's this all about?' I quickly realised I needed to understand

what was happening."

John started reading books about spirit communication avidly and, in particular, accounts by and about well-known mediums, healers and spirit guides, such as Ena Twigg, Estelle Roberts, Harry Edwards and Silver Birch.

"I was particularly interested in their life stories: how these people developed and lived with their abilities and managed them. I needed to understand what was involved if I was going to follow in their footsteps."

TEST CONDITIONS

A decade later, John Holland had joined the ranks of America's top mediums, confidently filling large halls with his public demonstrations, bringing comfort to the bereaved and appearing on prime time TV shows about psychic powers. He is so sure of his ability to communicate with the spirit world or to tune into past events psychically that he even agreed to work under strict test conditions for TV documentaries.

Viewers of *Mediums: We See Dead People* which was broadcast in 2005 on A&E Biography channel, saw John in a New York taxi being taken to an unknown destination. Although not familiar with the city, he was blindfolded throughout the journey and at the start of the experiment.

Escorted into a nondescript building, he was taken up in a lift to the ninth floor. Once the blindfold was removed John walked around, followed by a film crew, as he described the feelings he was getting.

As he approached a stairwell he spoke of "feeling female" and then went on to say there had been a fire which he thought, judging by the clothes the women were wearing, would have been in the 1910s or 1920s. "I feel they can't get out," he added.



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He was then taken to the ninth floor where the feelings became even more intense.

“It’s like a giant fireball and the heat is overwhelming,” he said, trying to control his emotions, adding that he could hear the women’s screams as they attempted to flee the inferno.

“I feel trapped. There’s no way out... I feel the tightness of how many people they must have put in this area. A lot more people than this place should have held. I was hearing sewing machines. Hard-working women. Textiles. Factory. They’re all lined up. It’s hot anyway, before the fire. It must have been a sweat shop... I felt I wanted to go out of the windows. It was overwhelming.”

The documentary’s voice-over said John’s psychic impressions were “extraordinarily accurate” as was his observation: “This would have been big history when it happened.” John Holland had been taken to a building in New York’s Greenwich Village that once housed the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory which made ladies’ blouses. On 25 March, 1911, fire broke out on the eighth floor and quickly spread to the three floors above.

Some escape routes and exits were locked and the final death toll was 146 garment workers of whom 123 were young Italian or Jewish women, most under the age of 22. Of those who perished, 69 either jumped or fell to their deaths from the burning building, which today is a

National Historic Landmark and part of New York University. For the next 90 years, it remained New York’s worst workplace disaster until the events of 9/11.

The same degree of accuracy was displayed when John was filmed by the *Chronicle* newsmagazine TV series, first during a public demonstration and then giving spirit messages to individuals, one of whom was a Channel 5 employee, in private sittings. The impressive results, together with the documentary on the Triangle fire disaster, can be viewed on YouTube.com: see links in panel.

HEADED FOR BRITAIN

So how did a part-time Los Angeles tarot reader develop and hone his skills to the level seen in these TV films and in his public and private demonstrations?

The answer, surprisingly, is that he left the United States and headed for Britain. Why?

“What struck me, when I devoured those books on spirit communication and leading mediums, was that they were all from the UK. And I said to myself, ‘If I could only go to England and study with these people how great would that be?’

“Well, two weeks after that I stepped on someone’s foot at a party and we chatted and I discovered he was from England. Although not a Spiritualist he knew about

Spiritualist churches. He lived in Bristol and told me there were 10 churches in the area. I was amazed.

“His name is Simon Steel and we got to know each other, and he invited me over to England.”

It was a tempting offer but not one that seemed likely to materialise since John had a job and a rented apartment in Los Angeles. When his job suddenly came to an end a visit to the UK became more achievable, but he didn’t want to lose his apartment. However, a solution soon presented itself.

“An American friend of mine called me and said, ‘I’d love to come to California and study writing. I know you want to go to England. How about if you were to go to England, I’d pay your rent and live at your place while you’re gone?’”

Everything had effortlessly fallen into place to enable John to realise his ambition.

“Doors had opened. I’m a big advocate of synchronicity. If Spirit want you to go in that direction they’ll make it happen.”

He had never been to the UK before but, even though he loved its history and the architecture, sightseeing was not high on John’s agenda. “I was there to develop and *understand* my mediumship,” he emphasises.

Staying with Simon in Bristol enabled him to get to know the local churches.

“Being an American, I sort of stood out a little. But wherever I went they welcomed me in and gave me wonderful help and

advice. And one person led to another.

"Early on I was introduced to Joan Lambert, a Welsh medium, so I went to Wales to have a private reading with her. She then made contact with Margaret Stanley, president of Melksham Spiritualist Church in Devizes, Wiltshire, telling her, 'This young man has something special. Let's help him.' Margaret then introduced me to Marian Bishop at Westbury Park Spiritualist Church, in Bristol, where I was interviewed and, after an assessment of my mediumship, invited to join their development circle."

Lambert, Stanley and Bishop are the three mediums he credits with training him and he says he was blessed that they came into his life when they did.

"Margaret Stanley was a forward-thinking president. She would take students into castles or manors with a pen and paper and say, 'Tell me what you're getting'.

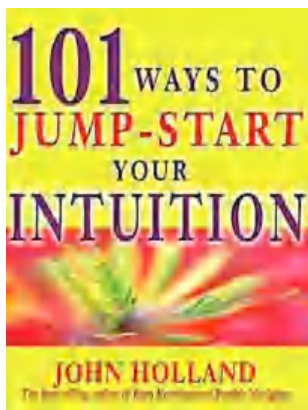
"I would pick up if there had been significant events, or something about the people who had lived there. That gave me the training to do a 'Location Reading', which was why I was able pick up impressions about the Triangle fire in New York many years later.

"So that's where I was for two straight years: every Tuesday night, at 6pm, in a Bristol development circle. They taught me discipline: if Spirit's going to be there for you, you must be there for Spirit. If someone was late, they'd just lock the door.

"That's where I got a lot of my training. I sat in circle, in meditation, with a proper leader – she would see when the spirit guides would come in and she would instruct me. I don't think I ever missed a meeting."

It wasn't long before John heard about the Arthur Findlay College and the various courses conducted at Stansted Hall, Essex. He attended two programmes there with tutors such as Simone King, Jean Bassett, Brenda Lawrence and Glyn Edwards.

"That was another place that taught me



discipline," John observes, "because they really work you and that's exactly what I needed. They taught me what it really meant to link with Spirit: how to do it in front of people, what colours mean, your aura. The Bristol circle was wonderful for practice; it was Stansted that gave me the real fundamentals of evidential mediumship."

Because of time limitations for visitors to the UK, John was required to return to the USA every six months to renew his visa. Such was his enthusiasm and dedication to developing his mediumship that he renewed his visa four times during his stay of a little over two years. "All my mediumship training happened in the UK," he emphasises.

He also got to see many British mediums working, including psychic artist Coral Polge, who drew his Tibetan spirit guide. The most memorable experience, however, was a transfiguration séance with a male medium whose name John can no longer recall. This is a form of physical mediumship, held in a red light, when ectoplasm forms over the medium's face so that the spirit entity can be recognised.

A young man's face appeared and he called for "John". Reluctant to respond at first, John eventually said, "My name is John" to which the spirit replied, "It's me, Michael. Please tell my family I didn't mean to do it."

"Oh my God," was all that John could utter in response.

"Little did anyone know that two weeks before I went to this event the brother of a friend of mine overdosed, and they never could tell if it was a suicide or an accident. I called the family and I told them, because they knew I was into this. They said they were not surprised because since he had passed away he had already appeared to other people in their dreams. That's an experience I'll never forget."

John was also introduced to the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain, which was then in London's Belgrave

Square. "I was in my element. I can't tell you how excited I was. I went to a Christmas Cavalcade and there were Gordon Smith and Tony Stockwell, who were then young men in their 20s and are now Britain's top evidential mediums." Both have since played important roles in his life.

He first saw Gordon demonstrating at Melksham Spiritualist Church. "Gordon was kind enough to take me under his wing as a mentor. He took me to Scotland and I stayed with him. He took me to the churches and he even threw me out on the stage, as a student. I was so nervous, but he said, with that beautiful Scottish accent, 'Come on John, don't be nervous, you're not here to be judged.' I learned a lot from him."

John also knew of Tony Stockwell's mediumistic abilities – "he was always on my radar" he explains – but it was not until Tony started demonstrating in America that John got to know him. They both participated in an international conference on mediumship at Omega, New York, since when they have stayed in touch. "Every medium needs a friend: we always need another medium to talk to."

LONDON DEMONSTRATION

Early next month, John and Tony will be sharing a platform in London for an "Enlightening Evening of Mediumship" at the Royal Geographical Society in Kensington (Friday, 2 October). It also promises to be educational, entertaining and, above all, evidential – a must-see event for all budding mediums. They will also be working together at the College of Psychic Studies on a "Raising the Standards" mediumship weekend (Saturday and Sunday, 3-4 October).

A similar format was used in August at an event in Pompton Plains, New Jersey, organised by The Journey Within – the first American church affiliated to the Spiritualists' National Union. John and its pastor, Janet Nohave, shared the platform for "Where Two Worlds Meet", an evening of spirit communication open to the public. On the following two days they ran a course on platform mediumship.

As for the future, John – who has already authored four books with a fifth in preparation – expects to be devoting even more time to training and educating tomorrow's mediums.

That's not to say he's learned everything there is to learn.

"I'm now sitting for trance development with Tony Stockwell," he confides. "I'm excited about that and I think I'm ready for it."



A recent development circle at Westbury Park Spiritualist Church, Bristol.



SURVIVAL EVIDENCE

Evidence from dead man accepted in court

Spirit messages through Brazilian medium challenge the sceptics



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The gun fired and Mauricio fell to the floor mortally wounded.

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ALTHOUGH he is best known for producing lengthy novels in automatic writing, with his hand controlled by dead authors and poets, Brazilian medium Francisco Cândido Xavier (“Chico”) also enabled the spirits of ordinary individuals to communicate with their loved ones.

Surprisingly, very little interest seemed to be shown in these evidential messages by Brazil’s Spiritists, in general, during Chico’s lifetime. They were far more fascinated by the philosophical literature he produced in abundance.

As recounted in our first feature on Chico’s outstanding mediumship (PN August 2015), he produced around 100,000 handwritten pages during his lifetime, written in different styles and on a diversity of subjects, resulting in 400 books being published. Some 50 million copies have been printed and one has been made into a full-length movie.

For Guy Lyon Playfair, author of *Chico Xavier: Medium of the Century* (£7.99 from www.roundtablepublishing-uk.com), it is the personal testimonies from individuals whose identities can be verified that are the most important aspect of Chico’s mediumship. Some are astonishingly evidential.

“Of all the thousands of personal messages Chico received over the years, one stands out from the rest, because it made both national and international headlines. It also made legal history,” Playfair writes.

It concerns two boys: Mauricio Garcez

Henrique, 15, who was visiting the home of his 18-year-old friend, José Divino Nunes. Mauricio asked José if he had a cigarette. He didn’t, but he thought he might be able to find one. While Mauricio went into the kitchen, José looked in his father’s briefcase.

There were no cigarettes inside, but there was a gun. José took it out. It was the first time he had handled one and he stood in front of a mirror, waving it around and imagining firing it at reflections in the mirror.

As he did so, Mauricio returned from the kitchen to change a programme on the radio, walking between José and the mirror. As he did so, the gun fired and Mauricio fell to the floor mortally wounded.

This tragic event on 8 May, 1976, led to José being arrested and charged with murder. When the case eventually came to trial before Judge Orimar de Bastos, José discovered there was an unexpected witness who was prepared to testify that the deadly shooting was an accident. That testimony came from the victim himself: Mauricio.

After the shooting, the dead boy’s parents had visited Chico Xavier in the hope that he would be able to provide them with evidence that their son lived on. Not only did Mauricio make contact with them from the spirit world but also, controlling Chico’s hand, he wrote:

“José Divino was not guilty, nor was anybody else. We were just playing around, thinking about shooting somebody’s reflection in a mirror, and when I passed in



Francisco Cândido Xavier – known as "Chico" throughout Brazil – produced 400 books during his long career as an automatic writing medium.

front of my image reflected in the mirror, the shot hit me. If anybody has to ask forgiveness it should be me – I should have been studying instead of fooling around."

Unusually, this information was presented to the judge who noted that the details contained in the message corresponded to the evidence. He concluded:

"We must give credibility to the message automatically written by Francisco Cândido Xavier where the victim recounts the event, exempting the defendant from any guilt. He describes the scene where he and his friend were playing with the gun, and how the shot came to be fired."

The case against José was dismissed.

Playfair notes: "It was the first known instance of a criminal case being decided on evidence purportedly originating from a deceased person. The fact that both Mauricio's parents and the judge were Catholics says much for the respect given to Chico even by non-Spiritists."

Remarkably, this was not the only

occasion in which the famous medium's spirit communications were used in evidence in courts.

Playfair, a journalist who lived and worked in Brazil at one time and witnessed Chico's mediumship firsthand, writes: "On three other occasions, a message from Chico was enough to influence a murder trial."

FOOLING AROUND WITH GUN

All three involved death from gunshot wounds. Indeed, not one only did one of them have curious similarities with that of Mauricio and José but it was also heard by the same judge who had stopped that trial.

Again, it concerned two young men, one of whom had a gun. Henrique Grigoris and his friend João Franca were fooling around in a hotel room with a couple of young women and a gun. At some point in the alcohol-fuelled fun, João's gun went off and

Henrique was unlucky enough to be in the firing line. He died instantly.

After João confessed he was charged with culpable homicide and his case, apparently by pure chance, came before Judge Orimar de Bastos.

"It was," Playfair tells us, "a highly unusual case in which Chico not only produced a message from Henrique insisting that the shooting was accidental and João should not be blamed, but had a private meeting with the judge at which he produced a message from a deceased judge which apparently led to the accused's acquittal."

"In addition, the judge himself became an automatic writer – while banging out his decision on his manual typewriter he seems to have gone into a trance, dashing off five or six pages without a single spelling mistake, afterwards remembering nothing of what he had written. Interviewed on the TV Globo programme *Linha Direta*, he said he had no doubt that 'something supernatural' was going on."

These impressive cases were among 45 that were researched thoroughly by a team of Spiritist investigators and a further two by media company TV Globo.

As already noted, Chico's reputation rested heavily on the automatically-written output of numerous works of literature from various authors that had been produced since his mediumship first manifested in the mid-1930s. Nearly four decades later, by which time he was a national hero in Brazil, word spread around

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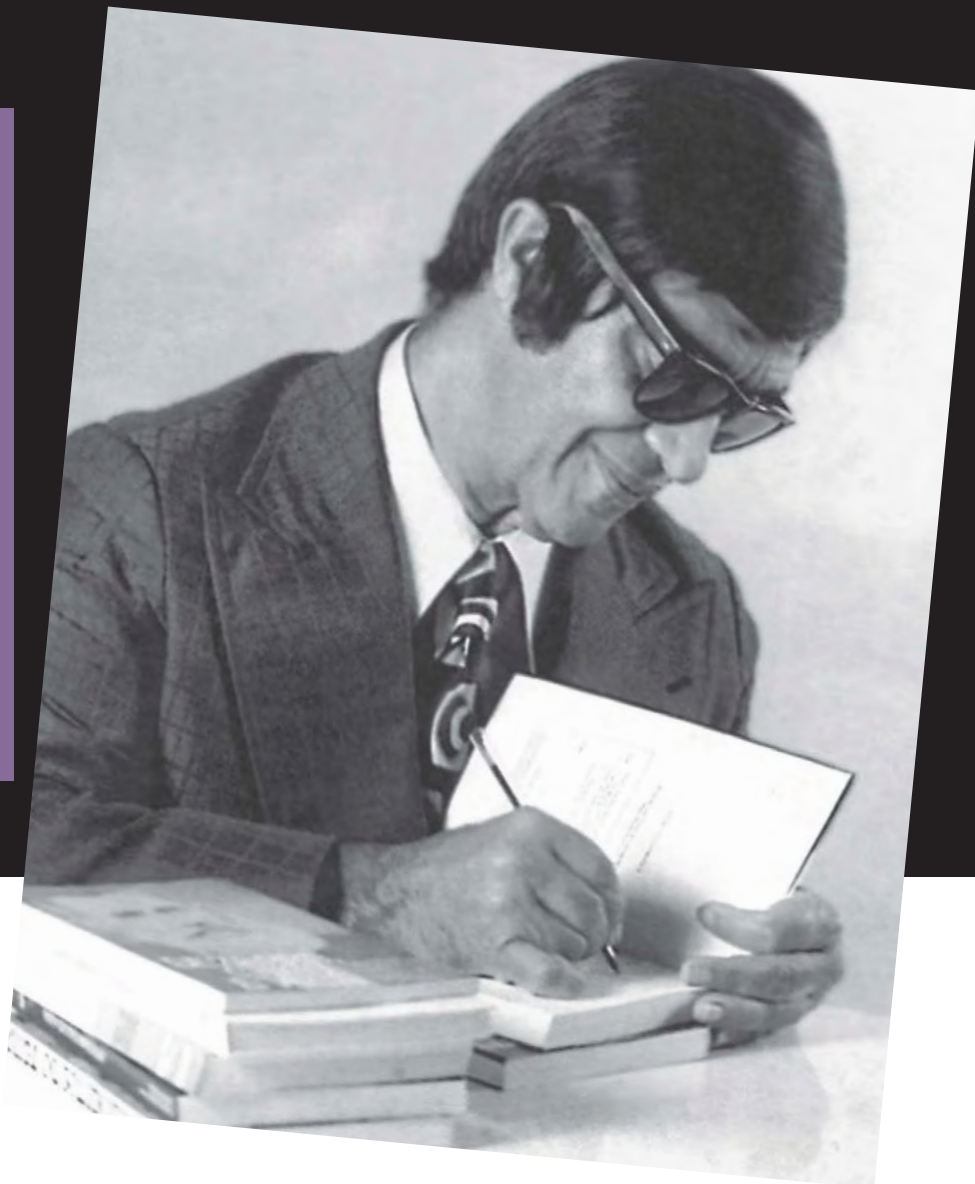
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the country's Spiritist community that Chico seemed to be getting lots of personal messages at his public meetings that appeared to come from the spirits of young people who had died prematurely, particularly in car crashes. Many were not well known enough for their deaths to have been reported in the media.

It is believed that thousands of these personal communications – “too many to count” says Playfair – were received by bereaved parents who travelled to Uberaba in the hope of hearing from their loved ones through Chico's mediumship. This provided a unique opportunity for researchers to investigate in depth. And their findings present very persuasive evidence for survival of physical death.

In the early 1990s, a group of São Paulo-based Spiritists, headed by Dr Marlene Nobre and Paulo Severino Rossi, decided to do an in-depth study of 45 messages, selected from the hundreds that were available to them. They were selected because the recipients were within reach of their home town.

“Together with colleagues from the São Paulo Medical Spiritist Association (AMESP) and Brazil's leading parapsychologist, Hernani Guimarães Andrade, they visited all 45 witnesses. As well as presenting them with an extensive questionnaire, they interviewed each of them for up to three hours.



And here's what they found:

- Of all the mass of information contained in Chico's handwritten messages not a single statement was found to be incorrect.
- Only half of the communicators (22) were Spiritists. The others were either Catholic (20), Jewish, Protestant or agnostic (one of each).
- The communicators usually began by greeting their parents by name and giving the names of their grandparents or other relatives, all of them correctly.
- They would then describe how they died, in all cases in words appropriate to the cause of death.
- Some communicators were so determined to establish their identity that they provided the names of up to 16 relatives and friends.
- Some signed their messages with nicknames, some of which were probably unique.
- Those who signed their real names did so with their usual signatures, though the main body of the message was written in Chico's own handwriting. Comparisons with their earthly signatures were judged identical in 16 cases and similar in 10.
- One brief message came through in Italian – a language Chico never learned – from a woman in Italy whose son, whom she named correctly, had emigrated to Brazil.



Another team of researchers has taken a very different approach to Chico Xavier's mediumistic results. Their findings were published last year. Instead of comparing and analysing numerous spirit communications, they chose to focus on a single communicator – a 24-year-old man who had died by drowning – whose grieving parents and sister made several visits to Chico in the hope of hearing from him. They were rewarded with 13 letters from him which have now been scrutinised by the team. Their findings support those of the AMESP researchers. *Psychic News* will tell the full story in the October issue.

THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES

PUT THE COLOUR BACK IN YOUR LIFE

BY BILLY ROBERTS



THE EFFECTS of colour on the mind were known to the ancient Egyptian and Greek physicians, who used it to treat all manner of physical and mental diseases. Their method was to filter the sun's powerful rays through different coloured gauze, bathing a sick person in a soothing light as they lay on the treatment bed.

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The harmonising tones of the various colours were used to restore the patient's vitality, encouraging his or her full recovery.

Unfortunately, our knowledge of the therapeutic value of colour has more or less been lost. Today, what we know of the healing powers of the numerous tonal shades and hues of colour has been tainted with what have become labelled as “New Age” teachings.

Nonetheless, chromotherapy, as it has become known, is a complementary treatment to which many modern-day allopathic medical practitioners subscribe.

A casual walk across a lush green meadow on a sunny day is often all that is needed to uplift you when you are out of sorts. Green, with its many varying degrees in nature, is extremely harmonising, and really does have a powerful effect upon the mind.

More than this, the healing properties of green also work at a more subtle level, affecting the individual cells of the body as much as they affect the mind.

The same applies to every colour above and beyond the known spectrum. In his book *Principles of Light and Colour*, American physician and Spiritualist Edwin Babbitt (1828-1905) explains in detail how colour may be used to heal the body and the mind.

One account he gives is of a man dying with consumption in a 19th century sanatorium in New York. The man in question hadn't eaten for days, and it seemed he was close to death. To make him comfortable, the nurses pushed his bed close to the window so that he could enjoy the afternoon sunlight streaming into the ward. Within a couple of hours, the medical

staff were amazed to see their patient sitting bolt upright in bed and asking for something to eat. The colour had returned to his cheeks and the life had come back into his previously dull eyes.

The doctor in charge of the ward was completely puzzled. After some consideration, it occurred to him that a large portion of the glass on the window pane was a deep shade of blue. He was certain that this had contributed to the man's recovery and immediately set about experimenting with his patients, bathing them in different colours. The results astounded him. The doctor in question found that some colours had a calming effect upon patients, whilst other colours were stimulating.

Medical sceptics dismissed the suggestion that colour could heal maladies of both the body and the mind, suggesting that colour treatment had a sort of placebo effect: it was no more than a psychological

phenomenon, the effects of which would not last.

However, they were disabused of this notion when it was pointed out that the same results could be achieved on domestic pets, who could not be susceptible to a placebo effect. Doctors working at the New York clinic were in no doubt that healing with colour was an extremely powerful treatment that worked on many different levels.

In esoteric parlance, the body is perceived as a sequence of musical coloured tones, each rising on a gradually ascending vibratory scale, from the colour at the lowest part of the body to the colour at the top of the head. When disease occurs in the body or mind, these colours are weakened or even totally depleted, leaving the body's essential colour elements lacking in vitality. By introducing the appropriate colours back into the body, it is rejuvenated, thus restoring its original vitality.

COLOUR VALUE TO THE HEALTH AND EQUILIBRIUM:

RED: Treats lethargy and lack of vitality, anaemia and other blood conditions.

ORANGE: Treats influenza, colds and respiratory conditions.

YELLOW: Treats dermatological eruptions, gall bladder and kidney infections.

GREEN: Treats heart conditions and imbalances of the nervous system, such as anxiety, neuroses and depression.

BLUE: Treats most physical and psychological conditions. Also effective in the treatment of inflammatory conditions, such as arthritis, and in the easement of pain.

INDIGO: Treats maladies of the mind, phobias, anxiety neuroses, depression and much more.

VIOLET: Violet affects the body holistically and may be used in the treatment of a broad spectrum of illnesses. It can also be used to complement other colours.



COLOURED DRINKING GLASSES

One very simple and yet effective way of using colour in the treatment of illness is a process that involves the transportation of prana – the “life force” – through the body. For this treatment you will need several drinking glasses, in as many different colours as you can find. These can be obtained from any supermarket. It is always a good idea to experiment as much as possible with this treatment, and use the above colour list as a general guide.

Always use still mineral water as this tends to be purer than tap water and contains no chemicals at all.

For example, should your child have a high temperature, fill a blue glass with water, and pour it (through the air) from one glass to another, until it sparkles and almost comes alive. Leave it on the window ledge in the bright sunlight for at least half an hour, then let your child drink as much of it as he or she can. Repeat the process a couple of hours later. The blue charged water should encourage a reduction in the child’s bodily temperature. A red glass of water may be used when the temperature is low, or when a person is lethargic or just lacking in vitality.

Always remember to pour the water through the air several times, from one glass to another. This precipitates the prana in the water, making it come “alive”. The same process may be used on your poorly dog or cat. You will be amazed how quickly they will respond to the treatment.

Remember, healing with colour in this way is only meant to complement traditional medical treatment, and not to replace it. Always consult your doctor before using colour healing of any kind.

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ALL WORLDS ARE ONE

ROY STEMMAN

ANIMAL MAGIC: OBEDIENT MICE

OUR focus on Lord and Lady Dowding and their work for Spiritualism and animal welfare (pages 44-47) reminds me of the time they were made fun of when they revealed they talked not only to their pets but also to pests.

Instead of putting down poison or traps to capture and kill rats or mice that invaded their home, they asked them to leave or to take up residence in a part of the property where they would not be a nuisance.

Also, in every house where they lived, they would leave food out for what most people would regard as unwanted guests.

When the press got hold of that story they had a field day. The Dowdings would have taken it in their stride. Lord Dowding even requested an original cartoon, signed by its creator, Giles, showing rats marching from a house on the instructions of the owner.

Muriel, The Lady Dowding, revealed in her autobiography that this respect for all creatures great and small, and the technique they developed to deal with the less welcome, started with her mother, who was a Theosophist.

She and Muriel decided to put it to the test and one evening commanded the mice in their home to leave. They were delighted to notice, some days later, that there was no sign of the pests.

Their pleasure soon turned to embarrassment, however, when they met a near neighbour who complained bitterly that her house had suddenly been invaded by mice.



Cecil chilling out in Hwange National Park

Photo: Daughter#3 via Flickr

ANIMAL MAGIC: TALKING LION

EVEN the Dowdings would have had reservations about some of the stories that have circulated since Cecil, the 13-year-old Southwest African lion, was unlawfully killed by an American dentist in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe.

Nothing I can say will add to the disgust that has already been expressed by millions of people around the world.

Besides, the most thoughtful response has come from Cecil himself – or so claimed Karen Anderson, an animal communicator and author.

She told her followers on Facebook that she had been moved to tears with his response, when she decided to let him know how loved and honoured he is.

Here's what he had to say:

"Let not the actions of these few men defeat us or allow darkness to enter our hearts. If we do then we become one of them. Raise your vibration and allow this

energy to move us forward.

"What happened does not need to be discussed as it is what it is. Take heart my child, I am finer than ever, grander than before as no one can take our purity, our truth or our soul. Ever.

"I am here. Be strong and speak for all the others who suffer needlessly to satisfy human greed. Bring Light and Love and we will rise above this."

Karen tells us she was moved to tears.

I was moved to tears, too, but they were tears of laughter as I wondered who had taught Cecil to speak so eloquently and to use modern mumbo-jumbo, such as "vibration" and "energy". Or was he being controlled by a spirit guide?

Perhaps if he had spent less time improving his command of English and more in improving his sense of danger, he would have avoided the arrow that so cruelly robbed him of life.

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Strange behaviour
will be reported
immediately to
give warning of an
earthquake.

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ANIMAL MAGIC: EARLY WARNING

ANIMALS, of course, usually have a very heightened awareness of danger, which manifests long before humans detect an impending problem.

The behaviour of animals before an earthquake or tsunami, for example, could theoretically be harnessed for the benefit of humans.

That's the thinking behind a project organised by Nanjing's seismological bureau in China. It has transformed seven animal farms into seismic stations that will monitor animal activity in the hope of forecasting earthquakes.

Twice a day, breeders report on the normal behaviour of their animals, including 2,000 chickens, 200 black boars and numerous toads and fish in a 6.6 hectare pond.

Should they behave strangely, they are required to report this immediately. Cameras throughout the park will capture the evidence.

Surveys by the Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, show that unusual animal behaviour before earthquakes is a verifiable phenomenon that could be harnessed.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

IN MY teens, I got to know The Aetherius Society, which was run by George King, a former taxi driver, in south-west London. King was the channel for a couple of entities who would probably be referred to today as “Ascended Masters” though in those days they were called “Space Brothers”.

The main communicators were Aetherius and Mars Sector Six whom the society described as advanced extraterrestrial intelligences living respectively on or in orbit around Venus and Mars.

I attended a few of his sessions out of curiosity but never believed a word of it. What fascinated me most was how all the other attendees seemed to accept everything they were told, by King and the voices that spoke through him telepathically, without question.

It seems, however, that I was wrong. There were other disbelievers in the small cramped room in the society's headquarters. It has just been revealed, following a freedom of information request, that Scotland Yard Special Branch officers were in regular attendance.

Apparently, detectives were concerned that the society's activities were just a front for Soviet spies and their surveillance lasted five years.

I'm left wondering which of the strange characters I encountered were police officers and which were extra-terrestrials in disguise – which was just one of King's extraordinary claims.



REINCARNATION

WHO OWNS YOUR SOUL?

You do, of course, unless you're the Dalai Lama

Millions of people around the world – including many Spiritualists – accept that their present life is just one of many they have lived. And their soul journey is likely to involve many more incarnations on the road to perfection.

Buddhists, of course, have always accepted this view of multi-life progression and their spiritual leaders embody that belief. Not only do the leading Buddhist lamas recall aspects of their previous incarnation but also they are required to produce evidence of that life as part of the selection process.

This has been well documented, particularly in the case of the Dalai Lama, the monk who leads the Yellow Hat or Gelug school. In that position he plays a very important role within Tibetan Buddhism, even though he fled Tibet and Chinese oppression in 1959, nine years after China took over the region.

Since then, there has been a power struggle over Tibet between the spiritual leader – who lives in exile in Dharamsala, India, and enjoys global popularity – and the Chinese government in Beijing.

A few years after the death of a Dalai Lama, search parties are sent out to search for his soul in the body of a young child. Often, the Dalai Lama will have given clues as to where he expects to reincarnate. The search parties are also aided by mediums and other gifted individuals who point the search party in the right direction.

But, as he celebrated his 80th birthday in July, the 14th Dalai Lama continued to assess the avenues open to him to limit China's interference in appointing future Dalai Lamas and other high-ranking monks.

He has, over recent years, discussed a



variety of options in order to gauge public opinion. For example, as well as separating Tibet Buddhism's religious and political responsibilities, which has now taken effect, he has said he could be reborn as a woman in his next incarnation.

Another possibility he has mooted is that there could be a referendum among Tibetans as to whether or not the role of the Dalai Lama should end with his death.

His advancing years add a certain

urgency to the debate, even though he says he has often dreamed that he will live to be 113 years old.

The irony is that whilst the Dalai Lama is ready to contemplate making changes to the centuries-old tradition, China – which at State level has no religious belief – claims it has the right to identify each reincarnating senior lama and is determined that it should not change.

China's interference first became apparent after the death in 1989 of the 10th Panchen Lama, the highest-ranking monk after the Dalai Lama. By tradition, the Dalai Lama plays a key role in recognising his reincarnation (just as the Panchen Lama plays the same role in identifying the Dalai Lama's rebirth).

Before his death, incidentally, the 10th Panchen Lama had spoken out against Chinese rule in his country and wrote a report about Tibet's famines in the 1960s. He spent eight years in prison and died in what many regard as suspicious circumstances.

Gedhun Choekyi Nyima was recognised by the Dalai Lama on 15 May, 1995, as the 11th Panchen Lama after giving due consideration to a list of candidates. But the Chinese government rejected his choice as "illegal and invalid" and two days later the six-year-old boy was abducted from his home in Tibet. He and his parents have not been seen since and the Chinese

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The six-year-old boy identified by the Dalai Lama as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama was abducted two days later.

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government refuses to respond to requests from the United Nations and Western governments about his wellbeing.

Instead, six months later, they announced their own selection as the 11th Panchen Lama: Gyaltsen Norbu. He lives in Beijing and has made only three visits to Tibet since his appointment – an indication of Tibetans' resentment about his appointment.

China's stance on the system of recognising the Dalai Lama's successor has hardened in recent months. The Buddhist leader had told the *New York Times*: “The Chinese Communist party is pretending that they know more about the reincarnation system than the Dalai Lama”.

China's Xinhua new agency responded by stating that “the authority of the central government has always been important in the reincarnation process” and cited as proof that it had played a vital role when it officially conferred the title of the 5th Dalai Lama in 1653.

“Since then, all confirmations of the Dalai Lama have required approval by the central Chinese government, which has deemed the process an important issue concerning sovereignty and national security.”

Of course, in truth this dispute is not about a single soul, nor about the reincarnation process. It is about political manipulation and muscle to maintain control over a country whose people continue to suffer human rights abuses and are being increasingly marginalised.

In essence, it's about the soul of a nation.

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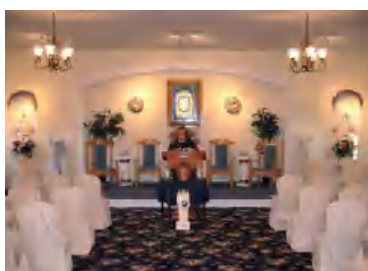
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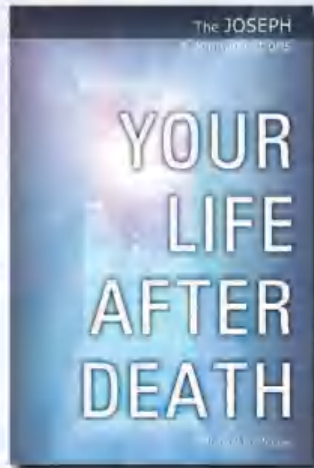
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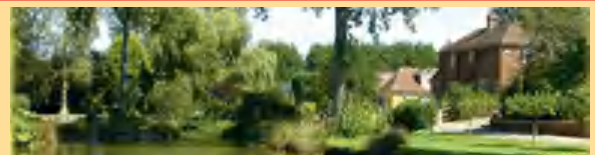
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COLLEGE LAUNCHES NEW INTEGRATED HEALING DIPLOMA COURSE

NEXT time you visit a healer, spare a thought for the time and effort they have put in to developing their gift.

Many assume it's just a matter of putting their hands on a patient or sending out absent healing. It may seem as simple as that, but an insight into what is really involved is offered by the College of Psychic Studies (CPS) in London.

It has a long history of healing with R.J. Lees being among the notable mediums whose services were sought in the early days. He or his spirit healers diagnosed the patient's problem and scribbled a prescription which was then taken to an apothecary for the appropriate medicine or herbal mixture to be dispensed.

He wouldn't be able to do that these days, since the organisations which offer healing have to satisfy National Occupational Standards and are usually members of the voluntary UK Healers self-regulatory body.

This month, just as the last module of the CPS's 2014 healing course begins at its Queensberry Place premises in South Kensington, its new two-year Integrated Healing Diploma Course has been unveiled.

"There are a lot of changes in the healing world," says Angela Mammarella, healing diploma coordinator, "so we felt a revamp of the old course would be useful. It needed some fresh energy."

One of the biggest changes, it transpires,

is that there is a new wave of healers who incorporate it into private practice for a living. The new course reflects that.

"There's a big component of personal and professional development: how to have boundaries professionally and be strong enough to hold these boundaries with a client," Angela adds. "We also recognise that many people who desire to be healers are on a personal journey, and the course addresses that, too. The more they know about themselves, the better healing they can provide."

The previous course was modular and ran during weekdays. The new one is a two-year course that mainly takes place on Saturdays and weekends which makes it more accessible to people not in London.

Those interested in becoming healers must first attend a "Do You Want to Train as a Healer?" workshop. The first two of these are already sold out and a third workshop takes place on 27 September. Only 20 successful candidates a year will be able to participate, starting in January.

Looking through CPS's very detailed literature on the course and its tutors – many having been trained at the College themselves – there's no clear reference to assistance from the spirit world.

"This is covered in the diploma but it is also left to the natural evolution in their

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Only 20 successful candidates a year will be able to participate on the two-year course, starting in January.

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development, when they will ask where this energy comes from and what it is," says Gill Matini, CPS principal and herself an accredited healer.

"We're also very aware that healers have to be prepared for whatever areas they want to go into. So, if they want to take healing into the National Health Service (NHS), for example, they will need to know the language to use there. If they start talking about spirits and guides they won't get through the door.

"We have always been concerned about giving everyone the opportunities and knowledge to explore lots of different things and they will then develop their own style in their own way, depending on where they want to use the healing and how they feel it's channelled through."

Full details can be viewed at: www.collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk



STRANGER THAN FICTION

SCIENTIST'S COSMIC
ART HELPED SPACE
PROBE REACH MOON

... and he hints extraterrestrials may
have influenced him

MATHEMATICIAN Edward Belbruno has his sights firmly focused on the cosmos. His special interests include celestial mechanics, aerospace engineering and dynamical astronomy.

From 1985 to 1990 he worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) of America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He was using chaos dynamics to try to calculate a ballistic orbit to the Moon that used gravity to enable a space probe to reach its destination with minimal fuel consumption.

And in the mid-1980s, Belbruno, a talented artist, made an oil pastel drawing that would eventually help him calculate a way to get a stranded Japanese spacecraft, Hiten, from the Earth to the Moon. The space probe was launched in 1990 but had failed to go into the correct orbit and had insufficient fuel to achieve its goal without assistance.

Looking at the painting he had produced a few years earlier, Belbruno realised it depicted a trajectory that could save the mission. He and a colleague did the maths and applied them to Hiten which went on to the Moon and achieved what was expected. The Japanese were delighted with the outcome of their once-doomed project.

This story is a central part of *Painting the Way to the Moon*, a feature documentary on the art and science of Ed Belbruno, which has already picked up a number of awards and is expecting a public release later this year.

As well as discussing the complex



Ed Belbruno addressing an audience at TEDxJacksonHole about artistic influence on his space work.

solution hidden in one of his paintings, which he refers to as "cosmic art", Belbruno also touches on even stranger experiences that raise questions about the nature of reality and our place in the Universe.

These include seeing "entities" in his apartment. Then, whilst Hiten was still on its way to the Moon, following his intervention, Belbruno and his girlfriend had an even stranger encounter on an isolated road near the small town of Wright in north-east Wyoming, USA, late at night on 2 October, 1991.

Around 11pm, after entering Thunder Basin National Grassland Park, they saw a bright ruby-red light ahead of them and

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This object was waiting for us. It was not a random event. It was definitely there by design.

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when they got closer they found it was blocking the road. "I couldn't go round it so I had to go up to it," he recalls. "This was waiting for us. It was not a random event. It was definitely there by design."

Even so, he tried to rationalise what he was seeing, telling his girlfriend it was a trailer truck with a neon sign on its side that had jack-knifed across the road, though deep down he realised it wasn't.

"We got to be a quarter of a mile away and I saw that it was gigantic ... it was many feet high... then when I got about 300 ft away you could see that it was approximately 40-50ft high and the red light was the boundary of a square that was



Diophantine Flow (2010) is one of scientist Edward Belbruno's works that reflects back to a oil pastel work he did in 1986 that helped him come up with a new way for spacecraft to slow down in space without using fuel. Photo: Edward Belbruno

wide enough to go off the sides of the road, so about 50ft wide... and it was sitting above the road about 20-30ft."

Having never seen anything remotely like this, he stopped about 100 ft from the object and turned off the car's engine and lights. He then realised the red light was embedded in or attached to an object that was even larger. They sat looking at it for 15 or 20 minutes before it slowly lifted up and hovered, before turning around to reveal an object about 200ft long that was jet black with a light blue glow in the middle, also hovering over the road.

"It was beautiful," Belbruno said when interviewed anonymously about the experience on Whitley Streiber's *Dreamland* radio show a few years ago. "I knew at this point that it was not from this world." It then slowly moved off.

The couple, their minds racing, continued on their journey until Belbruno's companion drew his attention to another light ahead. This one was a blinding white pulsating light a mile ahead to the side of the road.

The scientist became frightened and his girlfriend was screaming, "They're going to kill us", as they approached. Nevertheless, Belbruno slowed down to about 5mph as he passed the object, noticing that every time the light came on he could see "a whole bunch of beings - 10, 12 or 15 - standing around. They were about 50ft away. I couldn't see any details but they were short, black and thin. And my mind was telling me to get out of there fast."

They did precisely that, but he noticed



Ed Belbruno discusses his cosmic art for the award-winning documentary feature film. Photo: Jacob Okada, Adam Morrow, Carylanna Taylor

a ball of light was following his car for a while as they headed for Gillette, their destination, which was about 40 miles away. Glancing in his rear view mirror he could also see "a lot of activity, things taking off and landing" at the location where they had seen the pulsating light, but he chose not to go back to investigate.

However, somewhere between seeing the objects and reaching Gillette they "lost" three hours of time, reaching a hotel at 3am, whereas the journey should have taken a little over half an hour with an arrival time of midnight.

Belbruno has since gone public with his experiences. Speaking to Colin Andrews, for his book (with Synthia Andrews) *On the Edge*

of Reality, the former NASA scientist says:

"Since then my view of the world has changed. I had always thought that the human race was in control of its own destiny. My experience indicated that this was not the case. Our reality is far more complex than I ever imagined and is not what it seems at all."

He even hints that extraterrestrials may have influenced his problem-solving cosmic art. We can expect to hear more of Belbruno and his experiences when the documentary, created by Jacob Akira Okada, Adam Morrow and Carylanna Taylor, with the help of Kickstarter funding, reaches a wider audience.





Sir Oliver Lodge

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Famous scientist tells of son's spirit return

A century ago, Sir Oliver Lodge revealed that his son – killed during World War One – had communicated with him through mediums

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DISTINGUISHED British physicist Sir Oliver Lodge was one of the most influential Spiritualists of the early 20th century. He was brave enough to share his belief in life after death and also give personal details of spirit communications from his son, Raymond, in books and at public lectures.

It says much for the high regard in which he was held that the scientific career of the wireless pioneer was not affected by publicity about his experiences and views. On the contrary, his certainty about life continuing beyond the grave will have comforted many grieving families.

Second Lieutenant Raymond Lodge, aged 26, the youngest of Sir Oliver's six sons, was killed in action in Flanders 100 years ago this month: on 14 September, 1915. He was one of the 885,000 UK military personnel who gave their lives in what was then known as the Great War (1914-18).

Some sceptics argue that it was Raymond's death that led to his father's interest in Spiritualism, suggesting in the process that personal grief had clouded his critical and analytical brain and led him to make unsound judgments.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Sir Oliver had been active in psychical research since the 1880s and had written *The Proofs of Life After Death* (1902) and *The Survival of Man* (1909) long before the start of World War One and his own tragic loss. He had also served as president of the Society for Psychical Research from 1901 to 1903 and was a member of the Ghost Club.

So, when news that their son had been killed whilst fighting in Belgium, Sir Oliver and Lady Lodge knew the best mediums to consult in the hope of hearing from Raymond. Within two weeks of his passing they had sittings with Gladys Osborne Leonard and Alfred Vout Peters, receiving communications from Raymond through both mediums.

Among the evidence Lady Lodge received when she sat with Peters on 27 September was a

statement from the medium's spirit control, Moonstone, that Raymond was referring to a photo that had been taken of him with a group of other men. In that picture, he added, Raymond was holding a walking stick.

Lady Lodge had no recollection of such



Oliver Lodge's youngest son, Second Lieutenant Raymond Lodge.



This photograph, with Lodge seated in the front row, second right, featured in his spirit messages.

a photo and nor did her husband when she discussed it with him.

At a sitting the next day with Mrs Leonard at which Raymond made his spirit presence known, Sir Oliver asked her spirit control, Feda, to ask his son about the photo. Raymond responded that it had been taken outdoors, he was sitting while others were standing and he recalled someone leaning on him.

Two months after the photograph was first mentioned at these private sittings, the mother of one of Raymond's fellow officers sent a condolence letter to the Lodges and mentioned a group photo, taken 21 days before Raymond's death.

Only then did the message begin to make sense. Lady Lodge immediately requested a copy of the photo and when it arrived in the post it showed three rows of officers, the back row standing, the second row sitting on a bench, and the front row sitting on the

ground. They noted with satisfaction that a military walking stick lay over Raymond's crossed legs and the arm of the officer behind him rested on his shoulder.

Sir Oliver concluded that this evidence went beyond fraud, coincidence and telepathy. With his knowledge of mediumship, however, he was also aware that the medium's mind could sometimes affect the accuracy of a spirit message. He and Lady Lodge were pleased to experiment with another form of spirit communication – table tilting – when they visited Mrs Leonard for another sitting on 28 September.

It involved placing hands lightly on a table and then reciting the alphabet. At the correct letter, the table would tilt. It was a laborious process but it proved to be highly evidential as Sir Oliver felt sure the resulting messages were untainted by the medium's mind.

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Raymond made his presence known after four minutes when the table spelt his nickname, Pat. As a test, Sir Oliver then asked him to name one of his brothers. The table spelt out N-O-R-M-A- at which point the scientist interrupted, commenting that Raymond must be confused and asking him to try again.

The name of his brother N-O-E-L was then spelt out. It was only when he recounted the experience to his other sons that Raymond's "error" could be seen in a totally different light.

"It appears that 'Norman' was a kind of general nickname," Sir Oliver explained in Raymond, or Life And Death, "and especially that when the boys played hockey together, which they often did in the field here, by way of getting concentrated exercise.

"Raymond, who was specially active at this game, had a habit of shouting out, 'Now then, Norman,' or other words of



Gladys Osborne Leonard



encouragement, to any of his older brothers whom he wished to stimulate... That is what I am now told, and I can easily realise the manner of it.

"But I can testify that I was not aware that a name like this was used, nor was Lady Lodge, we two being the only members of the family present at the Leonard table sitting where the name 'Norman' was given."

At another table-tilting sitting with the same medium, Sir Oliver asked his dead son to spell out the name of a person to whom he gave his dog. The alphabet was recited, the table moved and the name S-T-A-L-L-A-R-D was given. This was correct and it was not a name or a fact that Mrs Leonard could have known. However, since Sir Oliver knew the answer, he had to accept the possibility that his own mind influenced the table's movements, or telepathically conveyed the information to the medium.

The Lodges had encouraged their other sons to suggest questions to put to their sibling at one of these séances and they readily obliged. One suggested that Raymond should be asked if he could remember anything about the Argonauts. When put to him at another session with Mrs Leonard, Raymond indicated that he did remember. Sir Oliver invited him to explain and the table spelt out T-E-L-E-G-R-A-M.

This response puzzled Raymond's parents and also his brothers, until the young men remembered that when they were on a motoring holiday a few years earlier, Raymond had gone into a post office and sent a telegram home to say they were all right. He signed it "Argonauts".

Despite the mounting evidence that Raymond's personality had survived death in some form and was able to communicate in a meaningful way, one of his older brothers, Alec, remained largely sceptical of the evidence accepted by his parents. It was decided that he should have a private session with Mrs Leonard on 21 December, 1915.

Alec Lodge's test question was to ask Feda, the medium's spirit control, about Raymond's favourite music. He recounted later that he heard Feda apparently questioning Raymond in a whisper, saying "An orange lady?" Still confused, she then told the sceptical brother: "He says something about an orange lady".

This was regarded as highly evidential by Alec since *My Orange Girl* was the last

song Raymond had bought. He also spoke to Feda of "Irish Eyes", another favourite.

Michael E. Tymn gives many other examples of evidential messages in his paper *Raymond Lodge convinces his father* (www.ascsi.org), but one more will suffice. It

is striking because the information contained was so unusual and specific.

On 3 March 1916, Sir Oliver Lodge asked Feda to see if Raymond knew about "Mr Jackson". She struggled to understand Raymond's response, but said: "Fine bird ... put him on a pedestal".

It transpired that Mr Jackson was the name of Lady

Lodge's pet peacock which had died a week earlier. It was in the process of being stuffed and mounted on a wooden pedestal.

An ongoing project, "Making Waves: Oliver Lodge and the Cultures of Science, 1875-1940", has been studying the importance of Sir Oliver Lodge's life and legacy with a series of seminars, workshops, public lectures, demonstrations and an exhibition in the UK. They demonstrate the great interest that academics and scientists still have in Sir Oliver's work and beliefs, 75 years after his death.

His son, Raymond, is also being remembered 100 years after his death. As part of a "Weekend of Commemoration and Hope for the Future" there will be a day dedicated to Raymond Lodge, which will be held at St George's Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham on Saturday, 19 September.

The family lived opposite the church – Sir Oliver was appointed the first Principal of the new University of Birmingham in 1900 – and a memorial to Raymond was placed by his parents in St George's after his death in action.

Among those remembering Raymond Lodge will be Nicholas Godlee, Sir Oliver's grandson, who will talk on "Raymond Lodge 1889-1915" and Julie Carter, who will talk on "Sir Oliver Lodge; mediumship, séances and survival".

Rev Canon Dr Georgina Byrne of Worcester Cathedral will also talk on "Religion and Spiritualism during the First World War". Canon Byrne is the author of *Modern Spiritualism and the Church of England, 1850-1939*.

Registration for the Raymond event is necessary but free (email Dr S Jane Darnton: janedarnton@btinternet.com).

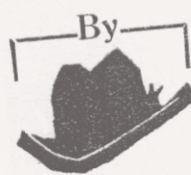
On Sunday, 20 September, at 10.30am, there will be a morning church service at which the congregation, including members of the Lodge family, will seek to commemorate and to commit themselves to the making of peace for the future and to all that makes for a strong community and society.



TOO GOOD TO FORGET

Spiritualism has a rich history and much of it is contained in *Psychic News*' archives dating back to 1932. In our "Looking Back" series we examine impressive stories from the past.

LODGE LOOKED AS MAJESTIC AS MOSES —SAYS SWAFFER



By Oliver Lodge, looking as majestic as Moses, who made, at Portsmouth, the most impressive speech I have heard during my connection with Spiritualism.

In the autumn of a life devoted to the spread of scientific knowledge and the service of mankind, and ignoring his eighty years, he spoke for an hour to over a thousand working men, who crowded a Methodist chapel, never raising his voice but speaking with authority, just like a

ments in days when little or nothing was known about ether rays. Many of them had left churches because of the "Science v Religion" controversy. By joining Religion and Science—the latter had led him, for years an Agnostic, back to the first —Lodge spoke with knowledge of how "Love bridges the chasm of death." The voice which had become beloved to listeners all over the world, that belonged to the great apostle of Proved Survival, spoke to them of his own personal experience, talked not of Theory but of Fact. His was not a dreary, dead theology. It was a living revelation.

CANARD EXPOSED

Lodge told how he had received communications from deceased members of his family as long ago as 1889, thus killing the silly canard that he was a Spiritualist only

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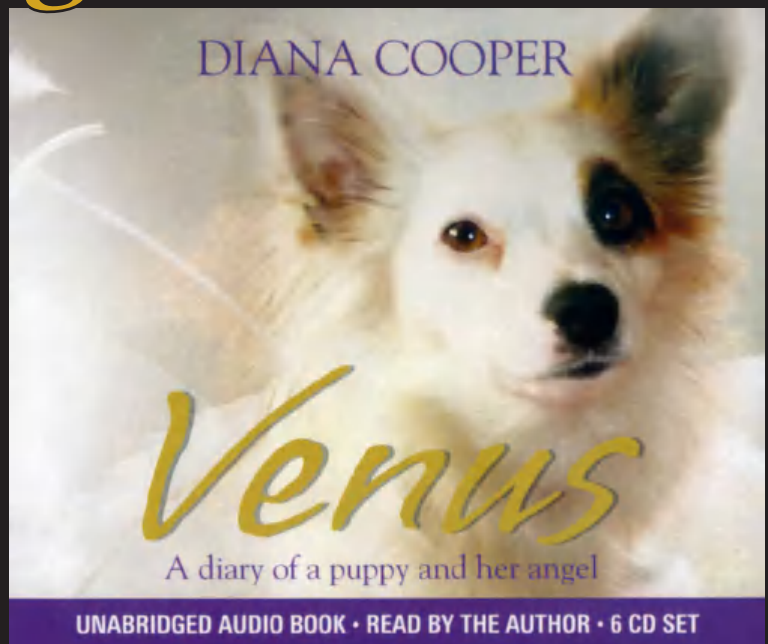
Sudoku
Competition

We have three 6-CD sets of Diana Cooper's audio book *Venus: a diary of a puppy and her angel* to give away as prizes in this month's sudoku competition.

Meet Venus, the puppy with a big heart and loud bark, who takes life on the chin.

In this unabridged audio book read by the author, Venus tells of the adventures, battles and joys of her puppyhood, and shares the wisdom that she receives from her angel. Venus is psychic, sensitive and ruthlessly honest. Her diary is rich with vivid characters, whose stories she shares.

Her best friend is her owner, Mum. Venus and Mum are devoted to each other, and together they learn a great deal about life, spiritual truths and the invisible worlds. Living in the same house are Ash-ting, the little grey kitten who brings a new understanding of unconditional love and harmony, and Wallace, a miniature Schnauzer whose kidnap



unites everyone in the house in their endeavours to rescue him. Venus's best friends are Dolly, the fearless Chihuahua; Skye, the perfect Collie; and Sugar, the amenable puppy. There is also the huge Alsatian, Michael, with whom Venus falls in love.

For your chance to win one of the 6-CD sets, complete the sudoku puzzle and send the numbers which appear in the shaded centre row, from left to right, along with your name and address to:

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You can also enter by email to: pneditorials@gmail.com.

The closing date for entries is 28th October 2015.

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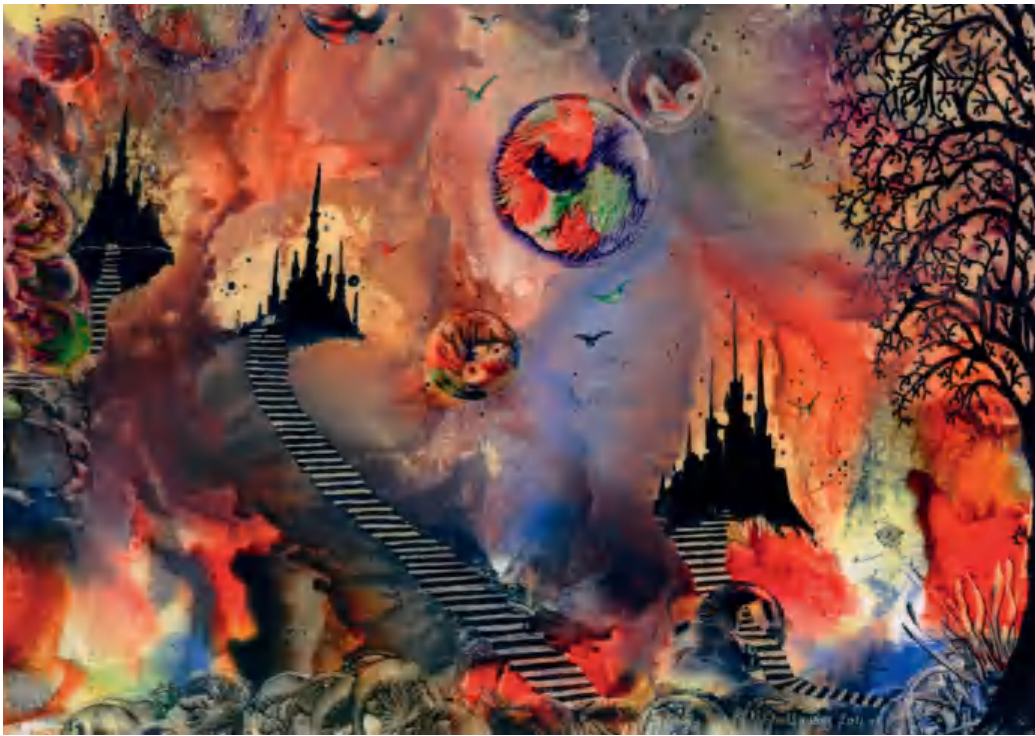
The winners of the June sudoku competitions are:

Tickets to Hay House's 'I Can Do It' seminar – Linda Serlin (Hertfordshire) and Laina Hatcher (Coventry). The solution to the puzzle is: centre line numbers **735 941 628**.

Tickets to the 'Life Beyond Death' course at the Edgar Cayce A.R.E. Center, Virginia Beach, USA – Irene Nicoll (Glasgow) and Mary Robertson (Stirling). The solution to the puzzle is: centre line numbers **315 784 692**.

Your Spiritual Art

This month's art gallery is a smorgasbord of spiritual delights. An eclectic mix of styles and techniques for you all to enjoy. We feature gallery newcomers Peter Chattaway, Mark Knight and Rita Collett alongside regulars Andrew Western and Colin Hall.



HOT CLIMATE by Peter Chattaway (Encaustic Art)



HEALING THE WORLD by Andrew Western

"This is my third spiritual painting. It is called "Healing The World" and painted in soft pastels on to pastel mat. Healing is such an important side to mediumship. We tend to think more of messages from the spiritual dimension and tend to forget that healing can change our world for the better.

GREEN ANGEL by Colin Hall (below)

"The green angel is the angel of growth and balance. You can find her in God's garden – the garden within us all. When you link with the green angel she can help you find peace and understanding; the understanding of the positive and negative emotions that are fighting each other. She helps bring back the harmony, so we can acknowledge the great power that lies deep within us all.

"The green angel will bring the power to germinate the seeds within our soul. As the seeds begin to grow, so the power of peace and the pathway to God starts to blend within, like the flowers in God's garden."

Suggestion: meditate on the colour **GREEN**. Visualise and breathe in the colour.

Affirmation: I will work in the peace of the Lord.

Element: earth, water, air.



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Two multimedia with acrylic paint pieces for a channelled trance vibration by Mark Knight

"I trained as a medium and healer and studied trance. I do trance sound healing and, after a recent operation, I started astral projecting. Art has become my main communication on different energy levels. My work takes me on all different journeys; it's been a mind-blowing experience."



TONY STOCKWELL by Rita Collett



SILVER WOLF by Andrew Western

"I decided I wanted to paint a North American Indian, so started looking at pictures. All the ones that impressed me were paintings by other artists so I decided to sit down and do a psychic drawing of my own Indian guide Silver Wolf. The resulting picture was so powerful I decided to do a pastel painting. The result is here for you to see. During the painting process I was guided by Silver Wolf as to how he wanted to be portrayed."

WORLD WITHIN by Colin Hall (right)

"Humankind has travelled thousands of miles into space searching for new worlds, but some of the greatest discoveries have been found within our astral body. All we have to do is sit in the stillness and lead our consciousness a short distance away into the astral plane where space and time unite, and worlds of inspiration in the arts and healing open to us. All on our doorstep."

For more information on Colin's work and his *Working with Geometric Angels* card deck, visit: www.colinhallart.com



AIR CHIEF MARSHAL LORD DOWDING

COMPASSION AND HUMANITY

David Whiting, Lord Dowding's stepson, talks to Roy Stemman about life with the man who spearheaded the Battle of Britain



Lord Dowding's stepson, David Whiting, and a Lancaster bomber.

THIS MONTH will be busier than ever for David Whiting. As well as celebrating his 76th birthday on 25 September, he and his French wife, Maria, will be visiting the United Kingdom to attend various events, the most important of which are associated with his famous stepfather, Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding.

One of these will be a Lord Dowding Memorial Service at Moffat, Dumfriesshire, Scotland: his birthplace, on 6 September. It will commemorate his life and the vital role as the commanding officer of RAF Fighter Command during the critical Battle of Britain during World War Two. Fittingly, the service will include a flypast by a Spitfire and Hurricane.

Two weeks later, David and Maria will attend Westminster Abbey for a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication on Battle of Britain Sunday (20 September). This will mark the 75th anniversary of this remarkable victory by Royal Air Force pilots and aircrew – known as “the Few” – and express the nation's gratitude for their service and sacrifice during that critical phase of the Second World War.

Their contribution is commemorated in the RAF Chapel at the east end of the Abbey's Henry VII Chapel, with its magnificent glass memorial window unveiled by King George VI in 1947. And it is here that Dowding's ashes were buried after his passing on 15 February, 1970.

Westminster Abbey's website pays this tribute to him: “Both by his foresight in building up Fighter Command between two world wars and by his strategy and firmness during the Battle he was

responsible more than any one man for the successful defence of Great Britain in 1940."

As well as being a national hero, Dowding also became Britain's most famous 20th century Spiritualist (see PN August issue). He sat with mediums, soon satisfying himself that life continued beyond the grave, and courageously shared that information with the public in four books and in lectures.

Lord Dowding also gave his support to his wife's efforts to end animal cruelty.

As David Whiting discusses these and other events, it becomes clear that two qualities – compassion and humanity – pervaded his stepfather's life and guided his decisions.

"He was a great humanitarian. He always looked after his men. Back in the days of the Royal Flying Corps he was reprimanded for wanting to rest his pilots. Dowding always stood by his guns and looked after his pilots' interests.

"He fought to get bulletproof glass in the Spitfires and the Hurricanes, saying, 'If Chicago gangsters can have bulletproof glass in their cars, why can't my fighter pilots?' He fought to get armour plating behind the pilots' seats, too, because attack was always from the back."

Later, after his retirement from the Royal Air Force, he became very involved in his second wife's work for animals, becoming president of the Beauty Without Cruelty charity she had set up with others and even becoming a vegetarian.

David Whiting's father, Max, was one of the many pilots and crewmembers who never returned from their missions during the Battle of Britain. It was his widow's attempt to discover what had happened to him that led her to Lord Dowding, whom

she later married (see "Hugh, the man of my dreams").

Not long after they first met, Lord Dowding became a regular visitor to Muriel Whiting's home at Oakgates, Darnley Drive, Southborough, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

"I first met Dowding when he was courting my mother," David Whiting recalls. "He used to come down in his MG Magnet – he always had MG sports cars. When I was home on holiday from Holmewood School he would help me with my electric trains and mechanical things: especially my aeroplanes, which I liked to build.

"He never ever spoke about the Battle of Britain to me. It was a stressful time when he was fighting the authorities to save the country from German occupation, and the politicians, including Winston Churchill, didn't understand that. It was his famous letter of 16 May, 1940, to the Air Cabinet that made Churchill change his mind and not send any more Hurricanes to France, to protect the homeland.

"Patrick Moore, presenter of the astronomical TV programme *The Sky At Night*, was my housemaster at Holmewood and became a very strong family friend. He was the only person outside the family who knew the date that my mother was going to marry Lord Dowding, and it was he who took me aside and told me."

Looking back, David laughs at his reaction at that time: "I complained to my mother, saying, 'Why is it you've gone and married my best friend?'"

Lord Dowding had a reputation during his Air Force career of being remote and reserved. He was known to some of his colleagues as "Stuffy" Dowding.

"He was a very shy man," David Whiting

recalls. "He didn't like publicity. But off duty he had a wonderful range of jokes. He also loved sports when he was younger, becoming a ski champion and president of the Ski Club of Great Britain. I remember Aunt Hilda and Dowding used to dance beautifully on ice at the Richmond Ice Rink in Surrey."

I ask David Whiting if he had become involved in Spiritualism as a young man, to the extent that both his mother and stepfather had.

"It was my mother who mostly had sittings," he replies, "but I did have a few in my early 20s. I was driving a car at that time, and the medium – it might have been Ena Twigg – said my father Max was there and I was thrilled to speak with Daddy.

"But I had the most terrible dressing down from him. He said to me, 'David, we have a certain work that we want you to fulfil in later life.

'At the moment you are driving so dangerously and we are having to spend so much energy in protecting you and keeping you alive to do the work that we want you to do, that there will come a time when the energy we are expending to keep you alive will exceed the work that we hope you will achieve."

He says he left with his tail between his legs, but admits that, at the time, "I didn't drive, it was called 'low flying', and I used to change insurance companies before they changed me."

So what was the work he had to do? After Lord Dowding's death, David assisted his mother's animal welfare work by joining Beauty Without Cruelty Ltd as its marketing and production director. Later he became executive director of the Beauty Without Cruelty charity, travelling the world to collect photographic and video evidence of the way in which animals were mistreated in the production of furs or cosmetics.

And after a decade in those roles, he became general secretary of Compassion in World Farming.

He also believes that, as with his mother's marriage to Lord Dowding, his own marriage to Maria – his third wife – was destined. In his early sittings with mediums he was told, "There is someone who is turning and turning around me and they would bring her to me when the time was right. And they have, and her name is Maria. We met in 1992. It was predicted many times."



Dowding's ashes were buried here in Westminster Abbey.



Dowding as Brigadier-General in the Royal Flying Corps

MURIEL, THE LADY DOWDING

HUGH, THE MAN OF HER DREAMS

A marriage made in heaven,
arranged by her first husband

MURIEL ALBINO was steeped in Spiritualism and Theosophy from an early age. As a young woman, together with her mother, she was involved in a rescue circle to assist earthbound spirits and in an absent healing group.

She was also a natural psychic who knew things would happen. She also saw fairies and had other unusual experiences.

"As a child, a soldier used to come and sit on my bed," she told an audience at the College of Psychic Studies in London (February 1969). "He was an officer and he used to talk to me about various things."

Her "visitor" had blue eyes and wore a khaki uniform. He usually appeared in order to comfort her after she had a nightmare.

Muriel could remember little about the conversations they had, apart from two statements. She had been mildly punished because she hadn't eaten the bread crusts and she asked her visitor if it was true that her hair would not curl if she failed to eat them.

"Well, I don't know about that," the man in uniform replied, "but if you don't eat your crusts you'll be so jolly skinny I shan't even notice you when we meet, you see."

At that moment, Muriel explained, "I knew perfectly well this was the person I was going to marry when I was grown up, and I did suggest to him that it would be so nice." And somehow she also knew his name was Hugh.

When she grew up she had numerous boyfriends and a few engagements that she ended. "This isn't the person," she would tell herself. "He's delightful and I feel dreadful about breaking off, but this just isn't the person."

Eventually, however, she met Jack "Max" Whiting, a dashing, blond Englishman. They fell in love, became engaged and – this time – the engagement lasted. And Muriel confessed to her audience that on her wedding night, she thought:

"Well, I do often know things that are going to happen in a strange sort of way, but I'm absolutely wrong about that soldier; I wonder what happened to him? He must have been killed in the war."

They married on 24 August, 1935, and three years later had a son, David. They were blissfully happy but, like so many families at that time, the outbreak of war was to change that. Max joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) and was soon a

flight engineer on missions in Lancaster bombers.

In May 1944, Muriel received a telegram telling her that her husband had failed to return from a 630 Squadron Bomber Command mission and that the Lancaster had been over Duisberg, which is near Düsseldorf, Germany. That was all the news it contained. Had he been killed? Was he injured and a prisoner of war? Or had he survived the crash and was trying to make his way back to England?

Eventually, with still no news from the Air Ministry, Muriel decided to seek information from the spirit world. She went to London to have a sitting with a medium, Miss Topcot, at the College of Psychic Studies (then known as the London Spiritualist Alliance). Before doing so, she removed her wedding ring.

As Muriel walked into the room, the medium said, "Oh dear, there's a barrel organ outside playing *Rose Marie*". Muriel could hear nothing. However, it was an impressive start. She had met Max at an amateur production of the operetta-style musical of that name.

What followed was a highly evidential communication from Max, confirming that he had died. Back in that same building, 25 years later, she shared just two items with her audience.

Max told her he had been flying towards the coast of Norway when the German fighters had come after them and their Lancaster had exploded. "Oh no, darling, you went to Duisberg," Muriel responded. Max replied, "I can assure you I didn't."

Sensing her doubt, he said, "I will try to bring you the evidence that what I say is true." He then told her that his death had happened so quickly that he only had time to call her name, "Poppet" – which was her nickname.

For two years Muriel had no news from the Air Ministry about her husband. He remained missing. But then one day her stepfather was travelling on a train and got into conversation with a Danish man. The war had just ended but was, of course, still very much the main topic of conversation. Had Denmark suffered much, he enquired?

The Dane responded that, where he lived, there was one very great tragedy. "A great Lancaster had come over the farm... It was flying towards Norway. The Germans came after it, it exploded, broke up and some of the bodies fell on his farm."

The corpses were collected two



Jack "Max" Whiting

days later from around the villages of Versterlund and Dørken and were laid to rest in Fourfelt Cemetery at Esbjerg.

But the villagers made their own little memorial engraved to the gallant English airmen. The stranger on the train told her stepfather the date of the tragedy – 22 May, 1944 – and even gave the number of the plane: LE-Y.

It was the date of Max's death and, a week later, she received official confirmation from the Air Ministry that it was her husband's plane that had been shot down over Denmark and that it was on a special mission. He hadn't gone to Duisberg after all.

Before that information was received, Max's father had decided to send a letter to Lord Dowding, who had retired, to see if he could discover his son's fate through official channels. He then decided that the letter might get a better response if it came from Max's wife, so Muriel copied it out, making a few changes of her own, and posted it to Dowding.

The letter received a kind reply and an acknowledgement, no more. Then, some months later, Dowding contacted her again to say he thought her husband might have contacted him at a recent sitting. He invited Muriel to London to meet the medium concerned, a Mrs Hunt, at the United Services Club in Pall Mall where the three had lunch.

The medium did most of the talking and left hurriedly to go to a matinée with a friend, much to Muriel's disappointment. She didn't even offer to make an appointment for a sitting. After the medium had left, Dowding invited Muriel



Muriel Whiting and son David

to have tea with him in the club.

In her autobiography, *The Psychic Life of Muriel, the Lady Dowding* (Quest, 1981) she describes what happened next:

"As he came around to move back my chair so that we could return to the lounge, I suppose I looked at him for the first time. In that instantaneous glance, I knew. He was the person I had known as a little girl, the figure in khaki who calmed me after my nightmares and promised that we would marry...."

"In my astonishment at this sudden rush of recognition, I gasped: 'Hugh!'"

"How charming of you to call me that," he responded.

She later learned from her new husband that it was Max who had suggested to Dowding in a spirit communication that they should meet. "I wish you would take my wife out to lunch," he said. "You will like her."

It was the beginning of a relationship that led to a long and happy marriage in which they both spoke openly about spirit communication and worked together for the good of animals.

But something puzzled Muriel. The man of her dreams – if they were dreams – wore khaki, which was why she was expecting to marry a soldier, not an airman. After they were married, and she had shared those "visions" with Hugh, she remarked: "You must have been in the Royal Flying Corps when I saw you as a child, yet you wore khaki, I'm sure – not Air Force blue."

Hugh then explained that the Royal Flying Corps had indeed worn khaki, Air Force blue not having been introduced until later.



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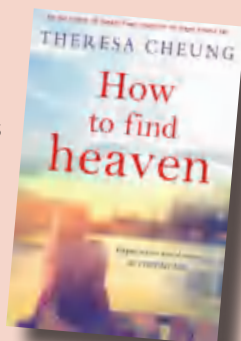
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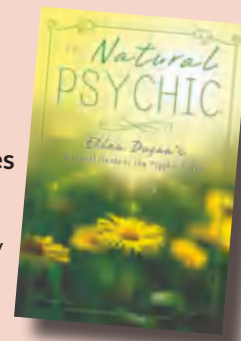
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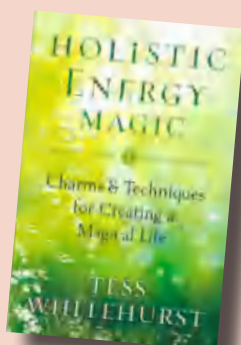
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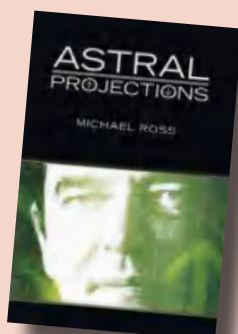
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Michael has a strong scientific and philosophical inclination and was determined to prove that there was such an entity as a 'soul' capable of leaving the physical body. Over the years, he has worked closely with research bodies investigating the phenomena such as The Institute of Psychophysical Research, The Monroe Institute and The International Academy of Consciousness in his efforts to prove that such an ability exists.



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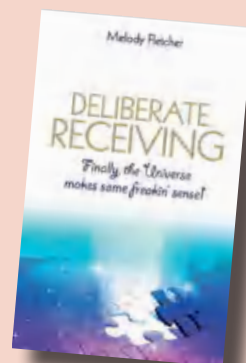
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Melody Fletcher empowers her readers to change their lives by reminding them that they are WAY more powerful than they've been led to believe, and that they do, indeed, create (and receive!) their own reality. Melody believes that pretty much everything most people have been taught about the world is bull***, and she's not afraid to say so! The way she works with her coaching clients is actually a form of channelling – but she doesn't go into trance and there is no other entity speaking through her. She connects to her higher self to bring through wisdom that will help you shift at a breakneck speed – so if you're ready for change then you had better fasten your seatbelt!



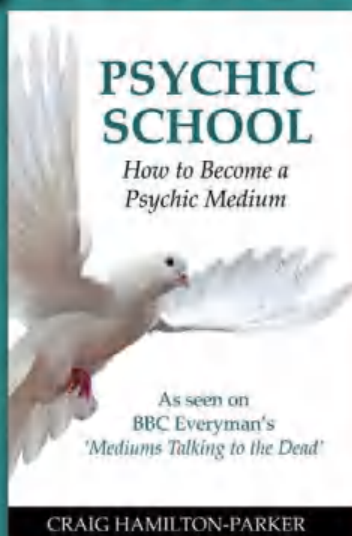
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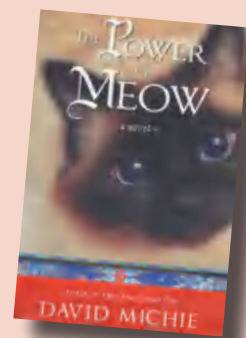
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TV and movies get serious about the paranormal

... but how accurate are they?

NEWS that Fox Searchlight is planning a movie about the Fox sisters, whose experiences led to Spiritualism (see page 6), is indicative of a noticeable trend in the entertainment industry.

Ghosts, poltergeists and other spooky phenomena have long been part of the staple diets of movie makers and TV producers, but they make no pretence to be anything other than fiction.

The current very noticeable trend, however, is to produce movies – for the cinema and for TV – that attempt a more realistic approach to what is clearly a fascinating subject to explore.

Project Afterlife is typical of these. It's a six-part series in which four investigators with different backgrounds explore the stories of individuals who have had near-death experiences. So that's more documentary than drama.

Proof, starring Jennifer Beals, on the other hand, is pure fiction – but is based on fact and the search for proof of life after death. Beals, who plays Dr Carolyn Tyler, a surgeon who has lost her teenage son and also had a near-death experience, has been praised for the sensitivity she brings to the role, but the show itself has had mixed reviews.

Houdini & Doyle, which is currently in production, will be about the real relationship between famous American illusionist Harry Houdini and British writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the conflict that arose because of their differing views on mediumship and life after death.

It's a theme that has cropped up several times in other movies on TV and in the cinema and it remains to be seen how accurate this one will be.

Solace, a supernatural thriller starring Colin Farrell and Anthony Hopkins, sounds the most fun. They play two men with psychic abilities, on opposite sides of the law.

And in the fun department there's also an upcoming all-female version of the box office hit *Ghostbusters*.

More worrying is Destination America's plan to air a live exorcism the night before Halloween. It will involve a group of ghostbusters and psychic Chip Coffey who will be filmed at the "Exorcist House" in St Louis. It is still searching for a Roman

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Catholic priest to take part in the televised ritual.

So far, there has been no talk of the “possessed” person who needs exorcising. Presumably that individual has to patiently remain possessed until everyone else is in place and Halloween has arrived. That's entertainment!

When it comes to issuing awards for these movies and TV programmes, the exorcism event deserves to come out on top for bad taste. But it's also likely to get the biggest ratings.



SPIRITUALIST VIEWPOINT

TIME TO STAND UP FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE

BY DAVID HOPKINS

“STAND UP, Stand Up ...” These words begin a hymn (one might say perhaps even an anthem!) calling upon followers of a particular religion to express their beliefs with enthusiasm and passion, regardless of what obstacles may confront them or what criticism may be thrown at them.

Coined at a moment of tragedy for evangelist Dudley Atkins Tyng, shortly before he bled to death after an incident on his farm, and then written as a tribute by George Duffield, this hymn became popular with both sides in the American Civil War and then across English-speaking countries.

I venture to suggest that we could adopt the same sentiments at the moment. By “we” I mean Spiritualists and all those who have an understanding of spiritual values, by followers of religion of whatever brand or variety, and by those who view the growth of materialism and secularisation with increasing concern.

To me, healthy scepticism is a useful tool in evaluating experience. It is of value when we consider religion in general and certainly our own religion of Spiritualism.

To place the claims of religious

philosophy and belief under the microscope of examination allows us to establish the components of religion, in general and in particular, as well as its development, form and practices. We are able to see and comprehend what are common factors and where variations exist, perhaps even allowing conclusions on when and how those variations appeared, grew and eventually took control.

To use, for a moment, this scepticism in relation to Spiritualism, we have to readily concede that whilst there is much that is praiseworthy in Spiritualist philosophy, the practices adopted and developed during its existence have not always been of the best and noblest and, certainly today, aspects often linked with Spiritualism do not always show us in the best, or even a good light.

I have been asked many times over the

years, “How do I know that a ‘message’ I am given is authentic and comes from a spirit?” My answer has always been: “Only accept that something comes from spirit when all other possibilities have been excluded”. I have absolutely no doubt that genuine communication via a third party (a “medium”) can take place. I have had it proven to my satisfaction many, many times. But my “sceptical” component still urges care and caution in accepting any alleged communication.

My own experiences have shown me that “spirit” can ensure that a message can be verified and further that it can be shown to cope with my challenge of “only when all other sources have been ruled out”. The problem all too often lies with the intermediary, who may not have the expertise, knowledge, experience, sensitivity or understanding of how to deal

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with the content passed to her or him.

Rather than simply “giving what they get”, some allow their personal interpretation to cloud the detail provided. Clearly there will be times when it is necessary for the medium to use a value-judgement in terms of what is said and how it is said. That comes from proper development and regular and frequent skills up-dating. A concert pianist, for example, continues to hone his or her skill throughout their career; they don't just learn to play and hope for the best, relying on the “all right on the night” principle!

There are those who would have the world believe that Spiritualists are a gullible lot, lacking in common sense and the ability to evaluate and validate that with which they are presented. My life-long knowledge of Spiritualists indicates otherwise. I have met and got to know men and women of principle, intelligence, education, knowledge, sensitivity and wisdom who have, over long periods, “tested the spirits to see that they be true”.

Often these people have approached mediumship and communication with the aim of disproving the claims made. Yet such has been the evidence received that they have been left in no doubt of its veracity.

So scepticism is far from a “dirty word” in Spiritualist circles. It is and has been a long-standing prerequisite for investigation. The person who accepts anything and everything at face value is likely to be the person who soon finds something else of interest to occupy his

mind. I can only use my own experience but it seems to me that many of Spiritualism's strongest advocates are those who initially set out to discredit and destroy its values, precepts and practices.

There are some, like me, who started from “a different place”, being involved from an early age. Yet even for these folks, there is the need to constantly review, question, challenge and speak out against what we see is not of the standard we know can exist and should apply throughout our religion and speak up for the highest of values.

OUTSTANDING ABILITIES

There are undoubtedly those who, by their actions, bring something less than praise on our religious and philosophical attitudes and concepts. I suggest that this is because they do not subscribe to or follow such attitudes. They have taken a part of the whole and manipulated it for their personal gain and satisfaction.

Over the years I have been fortunate enough to know, see and even work with mediums whose abilities can only be described as outstanding. Gordon Higginson, Coral Polge, Robin Stevens, Bertha Harris, Ron Baker, Walter Brookes (perhaps not a familiar name but his evidence could be amazing), these stand out as some of the “best” mediums of the past 60 or so years. Yet it was not just these big names who could offer evidence of such quality. Many mediums have occasionally a “purple patch” and some

radiate purple on a regular basis but never achieve, or seek, widespread fame or recognition.

Most of those I have known have seen their communication abilities as part of their work within the framework of Spiritualism, supplementing the philosophy that has developed through communication and intuitive awareness over many decades. They have been prepared to be seen, heard and counted for their beliefs, understanding and commitment.

Let me reiterate, then, that I applaud the “doubting Thomases”, those who want and need to have what they see as “proof”: those who challenge, question and seek reasonable answers rather than scriptural quotation and platitude. Healthy, honest scepticism, from those who are open-minded in their approach, will always be welcomed.

Increasingly we are reading and hearing about a different kind of scepticism, one that I feel is less than healthy, lacks honesty and comes from those who are as far from open-minded as it is possible to be. These individuals have an absolute right to hold whatever views they may choose to adopt. I respect that right.

Unfortunately, they do not respect the right of others to differ; wanting to condemn and destroy anyone who holds views not acceptable to them and certainly wanting to sweep aside those they oppose, turning to underhand and cowardly methods as they seek to conquer the world

with their cynicism, bullying and message of distrust.

Despite claiming to seek the truth, to be fair and reasonable, to shine the light of common sense on traditional ideas and teachings and bring scrutiny to concepts that have gone on unchallenged, what they actually demonstrate is that they are bigoted, single-minded and ruthless, hypocritically adopting the approach which they accuse those they attack of using, i.e. endeavouring to make the truth fit with their preconceived ideas, rather than seeking to develop their wisdom by the incorporation of experience and knowledge they acquire as their awareness expands.

Of course, we know a skilled magician and others can achieve results which seem to reproduce some of the phenomena demonstrated within and peripheral to Spiritualism. That is why some of what is presented to the public as "mediumship" and "communication" fuels the criticism and condemnation and adds weight to the protestations of these self-styled "sceptics". Spiritualism at its best is the antithesis of materialism.

Spiritualism will progress when it concentrates on what its name indicates – the spiritual nature and purpose of life.

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Everything that really matters in our lives has a spiritual context: our awareness of ourselves and the world around us, our relationships, our hopes and dreams...

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Life is what matters, not life after death. An awareness and development of self should be our purpose. Concern for what is happening today should be our motivation. Despite my early teachings, I now do not believe that "this life is a school". This section of life is as important as any other. We are not just preparing ourselves for what is to come. We are as much "spirit" as we will ever be and live now in "the spirit world".

MUST BE CHALLENGED

The "movement" of Scepticism that is engulfing many countries and many aspects of our lives, particularly through the media, is one designed to limit rather than expand, to destroy rather than create, to remove an awareness of spiritual values and ambitions and replace them with a gross materialism. Men and women of principle must take their places on the parapets and challenge these so-called "men of science", these "realists", these "debunkers" of what they cannot understand, appreciate or value.

If it cannot be measured in terms of science (their definition of science) then it cannot exist and certainly cannot have value – or so they would have us believe. Yet do we not all share emotions that cannot be quantified? How do you weigh a piece of compassion or measure the length of a piece of sympathy? How do you cut a piece of kindness and put it in a test-tube? Have you ever felt anger or joy, jealousy, love, hatred or grief? How do you put a height or weight or size on these emotions? How do you determine the atomic weight of a mother's love for her child?

These things and so many more far exceed the understanding of sceptics. Yet not for them an acceptance that "there are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy". In their restricted and restricting understanding, if you can't perceive it with those limited five senses, then it doesn't exist.

"Belief" becomes a dirty word, "faith" something to be ridiculed, "spiritual values" qualities to be scorned and as for the concept of a power that created us individually and collectively – well, forget that; it's for fools and the gullible.

That there is or even could be a power, a reasoning being, an unseen energy that has shaped the universe and allowed it to develop to its present state, such

sentiments have no place in the narrow-minded, blinkered and barren world in which they live. Only their views on food, medicines and, indeed, our entire way of life is allowed. Their "totalitarianism" must prevail.

Yet the power and influence of "sceptics" continues to rise and rise and will go on doing so until challenged in as forceful a manner as they go about their task of destruction.

Yes, now is the time to "Stand up, stand up ..." for Jesus, and Buddha, and Mohammed, and Confucius and many more prophets, seers, teachers and leaders who have shown by example that "man does not live by bread alone". Everything that really matters in our lives has a spiritual context: our awareness of ourselves and the world around us, our relationships, our hopes and dreams, our goals, our understanding of life, our requirement for and reliance on a force that exists outside of ourselves.

COME TOGETHER

We cannot allow materialism to take these from us. We must stand firm against these supposed "realists" who offer a "reality" barren of hope, a future without love, a life without all the things that make life worth living.

People of faith, men and women of knowledge and compassion and spirituality, all must come together to break the increasing stranglehold of this creeping tide of self-serving, destructive, cynical pseudo-scepticism.

Religion may have caused untold harm in the past because it has been misinterpreted and misused. Now is the time to bring together the best of religious philosophy to counter the spread of materialistic negativity. Religions may differ widely in detail but all have a fundamental awareness that beyond the individual is a power that has created and sustains all that was, is and ever shall be.

Time is running out but by "standing up" together there is a chance of bringing humanity back from the edge of the abyss.



David Hopkins is a Spiritualists' National Union minister, author and broadcaster.

GHOSTS & HAUNTINGS

SHADOWS OF EVIL



Writer and Editor James Wentworth Day

Not all encounters with spirits are benevolent. John West recounts three cases with sinister implications

CAN SPIRITS cause physical harm to the living? Experience has sadly taught me that not all hauntings can be classed as harmless. I have come across several cases where the spirit actually seems to take a positive delight in generating fear and terror in all those who encounter it.

Some properties even seem to possess a malevolent aura – something that can bring misfortune to those unfortunate enough to stay there.

I know of one Victorian property not far from where I live that seems to possess an “unlucky” nature. Businesses never prosper there and two of the more recent owners died in a car accident shortly after leaving the building. For years it stood empty before it was rented again. One can only wonder if the “curse” – if such a word is appropriate – will ever be lifted and peace finally restored to the building?

So what is the truth behind such hauntings? Is it simply a case of an evil person continuing their destructive behaviour beyond death? Can a violent and terrible event somehow leave a malevolent field which then affects all those who unwittingly enter it? Or are we dealing with a type of elemental, an entity that needs to feed on fear in order to survive?

Read on and decide for yourself ...

A VICTIM'S CURSE?

James Wentworth Day was a noted writer and broadcaster of the 20th century. He published a large number of books and articles on subjects ranging from the history of East Anglia to biographies of Sir Malcolm Campbell and the Queen Mother's family. He also wrote several studies of the paranormal and is still fondly remembered today by many in the field as one of the first modern ghost hunters.

In the mid 1930s, Day decided to take a lease on 2 King Street in London, a pleasant looking house which dated back to the reign of Charles II. Surprisingly, the rent was only £225 a year, including the rates. He was later to wonder if the owners – the Crown – were aware of the building's

history and had leased him a curse rather than a bargain.

Day's flat was on the third and fourth floors and consisted of a sitting/dining room, three bedrooms, dressing room, kitchen and bathroom. At the time, he was the editor of the Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News and asked his assistant editor, Lt-Cdr Peter Kemp, RN, if he would like to share the flat as he felt it was too big for one man. Kemp agreed and took the upper floor for his own use.

On the day they moved in, Day was alone in his bedroom while his companion unpacked his belongings upstairs. Day suddenly felt a sense of dread and became aware that something was staring at him from the fireplace in the left-hand corner

of the room. His companion was less than sympathetic upon hearing this and dismissed these feelings as “rot”.

However, Day was not so sure. It seemed to him that the house possessed an intangible presence, a certain something which seemed ill-disposed to both him and his colleague.

Things started to go badly for Day after moving in. He lost his job, and then his flatmate suddenly announced that he was leaving to live in the country. Day contacted another friend, a certain Gordon Dickson, who agreed to move in and share the expense of running the property. It was not long before he, too, became aware of the malevolent presence and left. He tragically died in a car crash shortly after



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Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, after he became King of Hanover. This painting by G.E. Madeley was published in a book by Sir Nicholas Harris Nicholas.

moving out.

Day then married. The marriage proved a failure. Things continued to go from bad to worse. His father-in-law committed suicide and his beloved Scots housekeeper moved out. Day was now left alone in the house – a house which he had come to hate.

He asked two young friends to keep him company. They were the daughter and son of a friend who owned an estate in Ireland.

One Saturday night, Day returned from a shooting trip when he heard a scream from upstairs. “Uncle James, please come up quickly! I’m so frightened!” Day rushed up the stairs to find the girl in a state of shock. After calming her down, he managed to find out what had happened. She had not been aware that he had gone out and had decided to pop down to the sitting-room for a chat.

Looking through the half-open door into his bedroom she had seen a man in the left-hand corner of the room. He was sitting in a chair and was bound hand and foot. His eyes were protruding horribly and his tongue was hanging out of his mouth. He had been strangled. A search by Day revealed nothing to account for the appearance of the apparition. It was hardly surprising that after this he gave up the flat and moved out.

Day later learned that subsequent tenants also suffered misfortune. One, an ex-officer, died in debt after his business failed. Finally, an art dealer took the house and installed his sister there, filling the house with valuable paintings and furniture.

One night, Day found himself walking through St James’s with a Canadian friend. The man prided himself on a thorough knowledge of the area and upon reaching No 2 King Street, pointed towards the house with his cane,

“That, gentlemen, is the unluckiest house in St James’s. Everybody who has lived there has had bad luck – bankrupt, hurt in accidents, killed in car crashes or just plain miserable.”

Day asked him why this should be so. His guide then explained that in 1810 the Duke of Cumberland, son of George III, was widely thought to have murdered his manservant in St James’s Palace. The man’s name was Sellis and it was believed that Cumberland had seduced the man’s daughter. She had become pregnant and committed suicide. Sellis had discovered

the truth and was killed by the Duke during a violent scuffle in the man’s bedroom.

Cumberland denied this and claimed that he had been attacked in his own chambers by Sellis. The manservant had then fled to his own rooms and cut his throat. Few believed this as the razor used in the supposed suicide was found on the other side of the man’s bedroom – too far to have been thrown there by Sellis in such a condition.

However, the authorities were less inclined to challenge the Duke’s version of events and the matter was dropped.

Unfortunately for the Duke, a valet had seen him fleeing Sellis’s room on the night of the murder. The Duke heard of this and got the man assigned to a German officer who lived at No 2 King Street. Upon arriving there, the valet was tied to a chair and garrotted.

“They say his ghost still appears – eyes staring and tongue sticking out. His curse is on that house, gentlemen!”

Day then admitted to the Canadian that he had lived there also. The man looked at him sharply and replied, “You got out just in time, sir”.

And what of the house today?

It was destroyed during the Second World War. A German bomb hit the building, instantly killing the sister of the art dealer and reducing the house and antiques to ash and rubble. How ironic that it fell to Adolf Hitler and the weapons of war to finally lay the curse of King Street!

A STUDY IN TERROR

The year was 1971 and Joy McKenna was living in the village of Broadway in Worcestershire. Her husband often made early morning business trips and so slept in one of the spare rooms in order to avoid disturbing his wife. Despite this, Joy would usually set her alarm clock to coincide with his so she could cook him breakfast and see him off.

One night in November, Mrs McKenna retired to bed at 11 pm. She set her alarm for 6.30 am and was soon fast asleep.

She awoke some time later and assumed that it was morning. She was rather annoyed as she still felt tired and was somewhat reluctant to leave the warmth of her bed.

Suddenly, she was seized with a strange feeling of apprehension. It seemed that something was in the bedroom with her – and whatever it was was slowly



moving alongside the bed! She thought for a moment that it was her husband but this belief was soon shattered when she suddenly became aware of his snores in the next room.

The sense of fear became overpowering and she ducked under the bedclothes in an attempt to hide from whatever or whoever was in the room with her. It did her little good. In an instant, the entity leapt onto the bed and started to hit her about the chest, shoulders and arms. Mrs McKenna felt that she was being crushed under an immense weight and tried to scream out for help. She found that she was unable to do so – her vocal cords and body were paralysed.

Although it was dark, she could clearly see two large amber eyes staring at her through the bedclothes. The sense of evil was now overwhelming. She began to pray, pleading to God to release her from the clutches of whatever was upon her. As if in reaction to this, the creature suddenly slithered away from her and dropped to the floor.

She was now able to scream, throwing herself from the bed and praying like never before. Her husband, now awoken by her shouts, rushed in to see what was wrong.

At first, her husband thought that she'd had a nightmare but finally became convinced that what his wife had experienced was no dream. It was then recalled that she had witnessed a strange incident only two days before.

The couple had four cats and would often allow the animals to sleep on the beds. His wife had gone to the bedroom – the same one where she had been attacked – and had noticed a lump under the covers. She assumed it was one of the cats but became puzzled when it slithered – never

once changing its shape – over the side of the bed and vanished without trace. She returned downstairs and was surprised to discover all four cats locked in the dining room.

The reason for the attack on Mrs McKenna was never explained. Nor did the house – built in the 1930s – have a reputation for being haunted. The entity never appeared again.

THE CREATURE ON THE STAIRS

The following case has never been published before. The name of the person and the location of the house have been withheld at their request.

"The house where I lived dated from the 1950s and had been built on the site of an earlier Victorian building. I shared my home with a pet dog and spent my time writing and touring the county in search of material for my books. One night in 1990, I can't remember the exact date, I retired to bed and soon found myself sound asleep.

"At some point in the night I awoke with a sense that something was about to happen. Suddenly, I became aware of something running up the stairs at tremendous speed. It burst through the door into my room and began to run around my bed, darting backwards and forwards, almost as if deciding what to do next.

"I hid under the bedclothes and waited in fear to see what would happen. I felt instinctively that the entity was a large dog, almost wolf-like, and was wholly malevolent. I also knew that to look at it would be fateful for me. Suddenly and without warning it disappeared.

"After several minutes, I managed to pluck up the courage to leave my bed and turn on the light. The door was firmly closed and a search of the house revealed nothing.

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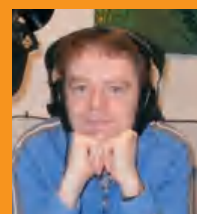
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My dog was apparently undisturbed and lay fast asleep in the spare room.

"The events of that night were repeated many times over the next ten years. Sometimes several months would go by before 'it' put in another appearance. The pattern was always the same – the stairs, the door, the bed and then silence. It even followed me when I moved. Any thoughts that my own dog was somehow responsible for the events will be dispelled when you learn that the visits continued long after he died.

"It may surprise you to discover that over the years, I became rather unconcerned by the nocturnal visits – fear had been replaced by a reluctant acceptance of the creature. The time between appearances gradually became longer and longer and finally they stopped altogether. It's now been ten years since the entity last appeared.

"Why did it start to haunt me? Why did it apparently bear me ill-will? And why did it finally leave? These are questions that I still ponder to this day."



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presented a number of programmes on ghosts for internet TV. He has recently completed a TV pilot on ghosts for East Media Productions. John can be contacted via his blog: www.eastanglianghosthunters.blogspot.co.uk

PSYCHIC SCHOOL

CRAIG HAMILTON-PARKER ADVISES YOU TO TAKE A WALK... AND MAKE IT SPIRITUAL



This month, Craig recommends that as well as physical workouts to keep us fit, we should also enhance our psychic and spiritual awareness by immersing ourselves in nature.

The first Spiritualist circles were established soon after the movement began in 1848. They sat most weekday evenings over many years with the result that extraordinary miracles had time to manifest at séances and circles.

Physical phenomena such as apports (objects teleported to the séance), discarnate voices, levitation, materialisations and ectoplasm were widespread. Today, these phenomena have all but disappeared because modern circles cannot give the level of dedication required for this degree of spirit manifestation.

Life today is so fast-paced and we have many more commitments and distractions than did the Victorian pioneers of mediumship.

If you wish to develop mediumship, you need to sit regularly and over a number of years. At the time of this writing, I have been running my circle for over 15 years, and I am pleased to say that I am still able to maintain my students' interest. I recognise that we all need a degree of change and new stimuli and I address this by introducing a variety of unusual techniques and settings.

Discovering mediumship is a joyful experience that can be both fun and serious. We often associate spirituality, particularly in the guise of religion, with long faces, heavy books, and sombre clothes or, at the other extreme, as a happy affair with followers clapping, jumping around or fainting from religious fervour.

Sensible spiritual seekers find a middle road: they are serious in their intent but their hearts are filled with compassion and cheerfulness. I believe that developing spirituality can be inspiring – and entertaining.

I like to introduce variety to what we do and this includes working, whenever possible, in new environments. It is stimulating to meet new people and to discover new places. My circle is often on the move, visiting other groups, circles and spiritual organisations to demonstrate our skills and to learn and share ideas. One of our most popular and enjoyable pursuits is walking and talking.

Research has shown that walking has many therapeutic benefits: it improves our health, sharpens the perceptions, even heightens our intelligence and, if done at a beautiful natural location, awakens our sense of spirituality.

This is why I take my circle rambling through the countryside once a week. I believe that a medium needs to pay particular attention to his health in general, because mediumship can be exhausting work and may sometimes draw too much on our aura's reserves of *prana* and may eventually result in illness.

True, you get fit by walking, but there are many other benefits. It is rewarding to swap stories and discuss spiritual ideas, and the interest that comes from endlessly changing landscapes and the moods of the weather will sharpen perceptions.

The scent of the earth in a pine forest

after rain; the vista of clouds piled one on top of the other in a blue sky; and the thrill that comes when mist clears from the mountains to reveal their magnificence are pleasures that bring us back to our spiritual roots.

When we are with nature we are surrounded by millions of years of unhurried evolution, and I am reminded of the people of the past who walked the same paths and, like us, talked and wondered about the reason we have been placed here.

I am reminded that my life is just a small part of a much bigger picture. Walking in places of beauty liberates the emotions and awakens the five senses – and perhaps the sixth sense too.

In India, it is believed that *hatha* yoga prepares the body for the changes in the aura that come with advanced meditation techniques. I practise yoga but also have taken up swimming to improve my health through cardiovascular exercise. I have noticed a marked improvement not only in my vitality but also in my spiritual work.

For example, I do an annual event for a corporate client that requires a great number of one-on-one readings during the day. Normally, after eight hours of nonstop

reading sessions and a long journey to London and back, I am exhausted to the point that I can hardly stand up. I have even experienced double vision when I am so tired!

Since I began swimming – with a rigorous aquatic session just prior to the event – I am not only able to sustain a high level of quality mediumship throughout the day but am able to remain active when I get home. Instead of collapsing like a broken man onto the sofa, I'm up for taking my wife Jane out late-night shopping – one of the most exhausting tasks known to man.

Whilst walking we avoid talk of money, relationships, TV and other mundane things and instead focus on creative and inspirational discussions. We talk about nature, philosophy, the meaning of existence, the purpose of mediumship and so on.

Sometimes our walks resemble a pilgrimage, except our spiritual quest has no destination because for us the journey is more important than the goal.

When the BBC accompanied us to film one of our walks it gave us the opportunity to express our ideas about modern spirituality. The resulting programme showed how we use this time to discuss mediumistic technique, encourage one another and plan our presentation.

On this occasion, in particular, I wanted to empower Daren, who was to do his first demonstration with Jane and me in a theatre.

Walking is an informal opportunity to talk about ideas and answer questions from the students, leaving the time spent in circle for practice and application. During our walks we can talk about the progress we are making individually and as a group and how we can use our knowledge to make a difference in the real world.

The time spent walking, and sometimes also being perilously lost in thickets, builds a team spirit and further strengthens the fellowship of the circle.

Walks can also be used to practise our psychic skills, so we often set a course to places of mystical significance or that have an intriguing history. We plan visits to historical sites, haunted locations, or simply choose to walk at beautiful places where the energy of nature is high.

At these places, I teach my group to "tune in", as they have learned to do with psychometry, to the vibrations and residual energy recorded in the fabric of the

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environment.

I am fortunate living in Hampshire, England, where we can ramble beside many historical and ancient megalithic sites. Close to my home is Winchester, once the capital of Wessex, England, and to the north-west are the ancient standing stones of Stonehenge, Woodhenge and Avebury.

These ancient sites are claimed to radiate earth energies that bring fertility to the land. It is believed that people who are receptive or who have clairvoyant awareness can sense this earth energy.

At these places we sometimes meditate and attune ourselves to the vibrations, for we claim that just as we can read the past from an object when we do psychometry so, too, can we tune in to the residual energy of a landscape.

EARTH DOWSING

In 1924, the Herefordshire businessman and amateur archaeologist Alfred Watkins published a book called *The Old Straight Track*, which was responsible for an explosion of interest in dowsing and, in particular, dowsing for earth energies.

Watkins noticed from maps and from his rides in the countryside that some ancient sites, such as stone circles, standing stones, churches built on ancient sites, and tumuli (ancient burial mounds) fell into an alignment.

He originally thought these lines were old traders’ routes and named them leys—an Anglo-Saxon word for “cleared glade”—a term he borrowed from the archaeological

writer J. P. Williams-Freeman who also had noticed similar correlations.

Of particular interest was the fact that many of these leys formed “tracks” that corresponded with the path of the stars, planets, and sun. Various authors subsequently argued that ley lines pointed to a hidden history that was written into the geometry of ancient sites around the world.

Ley lines, they claimed, are a network of interconnecting energy fields that were understood by the ancients to be beneficial to life. It was theorised by famous dowsers such as archaeologist Tom C. Lethbridge, who died in 1971, that the human body is a sort of antenna that is attuned to the influences of nature and will, for example, instinctively know the proximity of underground water and other hidden things.

The ancients were attuned to this intuitive knowledge and applied it to harness nature by building their standing stones at places they believed would influence the earth energy.

Megalithic monuments were acupuncture points that benefited the flow of the planet’s life force and boosted its fertility.

John Michell, in his book *View over Atlantis*, argued that this ancient geometry of the leys and the astrological correspondences of ancient standing stones point to a lost knowledge with its roots in the legendary civilisation of Atlantis.

Though I believe some of these ideas

are nonsense, it is certainly the case that my group and I *do* sense unusual energies at these places and that dowsing appears to respond to these energies.

There is, of course, a danger of allowing fantasy to rush in to fill in the vacuum left by the absence of empirical facts about prehistory, so I encourage a measured approach to anything we may discover.

Psychically retrieved information needs to be qualified by historical facts, though few clairvoyants would deny there is something intriguing about the energies we believe we sense at these mysterious places.

Dowsing for ley lines is not a mediumistic gift. My objective with these outings, and particularly with psychic archaeology, is to refine my students’ skills in psychometry, which is a clairsentient pathway toward mediumship. Just as psychometry unlocks the history of an object so, too, do dowsing and consciously attuning oneself to nature’s energy put us in touch with the vibrations of the earth and its history.

According to Eastern philosophy, the *prana* life force is present in everything. I believe it to be a mycelium of energy that connects everything to everything else – including this world with the next.

An abridged extract from Craig Hamilton-Parker’s book ‘Psychic School’. For purchase details see advertisement on page 49.



Letters

ANIMALS ARE TREATED BETTER

CONGRATULATIONS to David Hopkins for his very reasonable and compassionate discussion on assisted dying (PN August 2015).

Like him, I have often pondered on the inequality in the way we treat animals and humans that are suffering.

Horses that are seriously injured in steeple chasing events are shot on the spot to end their misery. And if our pet dog or cat is diagnosed with an incurable illness which causes it to suffer, we have the option to bring their life to an end with dignity and without further pain.

Not so for humans. Having sat at my mother's bedside in her final days and

witnessed her distress and discomfort, even though heavily sedated, I could see no justification in insisting that she lived to the bitter end. Giving her a quick and peaceful transition to the next life would have been far more humane for her and her loved ones.

Unless the law changes, I think I'll come back as a dog in my next life.

Geraldine McAllister
Via email

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UNEXPECTED SUPPORT

I was very surprised that in his discussion of assisted dying, David Hopkins made no reference to what spirit guides have said on the subject.

I think it fair to say that they are almost unanimous in their insistence that the soul needs to remain in the body, no matter what physical suffering has to be endured, in order for it to satisfy some divine plan that we are unaware of.

This view may have been justified a century ago when medical intervention to

extend a person's life was limited. Now, of course, seriously ill patients can be kept alive in hospital with all manner of drips and other devices, long after their sick bodies should have literally given up the ghost.

Some Spiritualists may argue with Hopkins' conclusions, but I was delighted

to read in the newspaper, soon after my *Psychic News* arrived, that Lord Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, as well as other leading Christian and Jewish clerics, have expressed similar sentiments.

Their conclusion is that “there is nothing sacred about suffering” and that people who choose to bring their lives to an end in order to alleviate a painful end should be allowed to do so.

William F Edmont
Via email

RELIGIOSITY WILL RETURN

Some of the predictions made in "Survey shows 'Millennials' reject religion" (PN July) are certainly open to questioning.

According to that article, "It is predicted Islam will become America's largest religion by 2050, and the number of Christians in the US will decline from three-quarters of the population in 2010 to two-thirds in 2050."

If, as predicted, Christians will constitute two-thirds of the US population in 2050, how then could they be outnumbered by Muslims in the same country in the same year?

The article also quotes psychologist Dr Nigel Barber for his proposition that "people do not have to rely upon supernatural influences when material possessions are catering to their needs" and "Religion declines not only because people are becoming richer, but also due to their increasing quality of life, decline of serious diseases, better education and welfare states."

Dr Barber's rosy prognosis might have made sense in 1963: but anyone believing this by 2013 (the year his book was published) is simply not dealing with current realities. The fact is that people are becoming poorer, not richer.

The middle class is declining throughout the once-industrialised Western world. Burgeoning global population is placing Malthusian demands upon our planet's finite resources. Declining tax bases and ballooning national debt are placing ever

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greater demands on our educational and welfare systems.

Global pandemics become more likely, while our healthcare systems are strained to breaking point, not only because of traditional infectious diseases, but because of increasing drug abuse, alcoholism, sexually transmissible diseases and mental health problems: much of which is directly attributable to the decline of traditional religion and the "anything goes" society which has replaced it.

If poverty, disease and a generally poor quality of life go hand-in-hand with increased religiosity, then we can likely expect a resurgence in religiosity by the middle of the 21st century.

Jim McArthur
Via email

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Diary Dates

A selection of spiritual events taking place in the UK this month

SAT & SUN 5TH & 6TH SEPTEMBER
Mind Body & Spirit Event
 10am - 5pm (Workshops finish at 6pm)

Entry £5, Concessions £4.50
At: Masonic Guildhall
 169, Wellington Road South,
STOCKPORT SK1 3UA
www.rosemarydouglas.com
 An excellent two-day experience. There will be over 40 stands. The event endeavours to raise your spirits and lift your heart. Designed to fully mesh with this genre, a great vibration, cultivated over a period of years bringing together like-minded people where you can feel at one, be at one, and just be imbued by the natural healing elements.

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
Insight Fair
 10am - 4pm
 Entry £2 (accompanied under 16s go for free)

At: Ravensdene Lodge Hotel,
 55 Consett Rd, Lobley Hill,
GATESHEAD NE11 0AN
www.insightfairs.co.uk
 Step into a different view of the world you live in. Discover natural energies that can heal and repair, and old remedies that correct the problems brought on by modern day living, where messages and advice can create a clear path to follow and words of comfort are passed on with love. See and hold beautiful crystals that for centuries have been believed to hold special powers and meet the people who can tell you about all these wonderful things. Meet psychics offering readings, therapists providing taster treatments of alternative therapies and stalls selling handmade jewellery, candles and much more.

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
Mind Body & Soul Event
 10am - 5pm
 Entry £3.50, Concessions £3,
 (accompanied under 16s go for free)

At: Arora Hotel, Southgate
 Avenue, Crawley, WEST SUSSEX
 RH10 6LW
<http://holisticandmystic.com>
 The show continues to grow and attract a wide range of exhibitors, many of whom have attended for years, along with lots of new faces. Visitors can discover a huge range of therapies and all things holistic and spiritual through the many product stands that take part. There is a separate room for the free talks that run throughout the day. As always there is lots to see, do and experience.

FRI - SUN 11TH - 13TH SEPTEMBER
Mind Body Spirit Wellbeing Festival

10am - 7pm (Fri & Sat)
 10am - 5pm (Sun)
 Tickets: £10 (Fun Friday Special)
 £12 (One Day Ticket)
 £10 (Concessions)
 Discounts for advance booking
At: The NEC Birmingham, Hall 7,
BIRMINGHAM, West Midlands
B40 1NT
www.mindbodyspirit.co.uk/birmingham
 Featuring over 72 hours of free talks, sessions, performances and over 100 exhibitors.

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
Seafordspirit Open Day
 10am - 5pm
 Entry £2, including hot drink
 Refreshments and light lunches available at extra cost
At: Seafordspirit, Seaford
Independent Spiritualist Church,
 3 Warwick Road, Seaford,
EAST SUSSEX BN25 1RS
 Tel 01323 737407

Email: enquiries@seafordspirit.co.uk
www.seafordspirit.co.uk
 A day of private readings, demonstration of mediumship, healing, reflexology, mini workshop, and a talk on 'The History of Spiritualism'. Timings of individual events available by contacting Seafordspirit.

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
Mind Body Spirit Festival
 9am - 5pm ~ Entry £2.50
 (accompanied under 16s free)
At: The Corn Exchange,
 Tuesday Market Place, King's
 Lynn, NORFOLK PE30 1JW
www.spiritualflowevents.com
 Presenting over 60 stalls which will feature mediums, massage, therapists, healers, crystals, jewellery and spiritual gifts; plus interactive demonstration workshops including the balance procedure, mediumship, gong bath, meditation, zumba, yoga and more.

FRI - SUN 18TH - 20TH SEPTEMBER
Unitarian Society for Psychical Studies 50th Anniversary Conference
 From 8pm on Friday 18th
 Entry £10
At: The Nightingale Centre, Great
Hucklow, Buxton, DERBYSHIRE
SK17 8RH
www.cpsg.co.uk

On the Friday, William Powell will be speaking on near-death experiences and altered states of consciousness. Saturday welcomes guest speaker Dr Serena Roney-Dougal, who is one of the few people in Britain to have obtained a PhD for a parapsychological thesis, exploring the relationship between subliminal perception and psychic awareness.

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
'Liberate Yourself from the
Limitation of Ego' with Brandon
Bays

10.30am - 5pm
 Entry £75, £55 (concessions)
At: Colet House, 151 Talgarth
Road, LONDON W14 9DA
www.alternatives.org.uk
 Our ego identity is shaped very early in life by our deepest fears, is concretised by the way we are conditioned by life's events, and is the root cause of our human suffering. Begin your exploration of how your ego traps you in automatic self-sabotaging behaviours and prevents you from living in true fulfilment. With practical and deeply revealing teaching, deep meditations and profound guided introspection work you can take your first step towards undoing the knot of the ego and living a life of liberation.

SAT & SUN 19TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER
Mind, Body & Spirit Weekend
 10am - 5pm each day
 £5 (adults), £4 (concessions),
 £8 (adult weekend pass)
 £6 (weekend concessions)
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At: Cleethorpes Memorial Hall,
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www.moonlitpathways.co.uk
 Featuring 14 free talks and workshops throughout the weekend, plus a wide range of therapists, readers and trade stands. There will be a café within the show providing snacks, drinks and hot food. There is also a free treasure hunt for children with a prize for every child and free parking.

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
'Activate Your Inner Healer' with
Abby Wynne
 10.30am - 5pm
 Entry £65, £50 (concessions)
At: Columbia Hotel, 95 Lancaster
Gate, LONDON W2 3NS
www.abby-wynne.com
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SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Glastonbury Free Festival of Light
 10am - 5pm ~ Free Entry
At: Glastonbury Assembly
ORooms, High Street,
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www.festivaloflight.biz
 Featuring a range of readers, mediums, healers, therapists, artwork, aura photography, crystals, healing jewellery and more.

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
Mind, Body, Spirit Fair
 10am - 4pm
 Entry £3, accompanied under 16s go free
At: The Lesser Hall, Holmfirth
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SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
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 10.30am - 5pm, Entry £2.50
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www.fennpsychicmedium.co.uk
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Diary Dates

Forthcoming spiritual events taking place in the USA



SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER Holistic Healing and Spiritual Arts Expo

9am - 5pm ~ Admission \$14
At: Saratoga Springs City Centre,
522 Broadway, Saratoga Springs,
NEW YORK, NY 12866
www.holisticspiritualexpo.com
This expo will offer local and regional exhibitors and professionals, holistic, wellness, and spiritual presentations, draws every half hour for door prizes, free demonstrations, plus over 50 exhibitors offering aromatherapy, aura photography, holistic healing, reiki and much more.

SAT & SUN 10TH & 11TH OCTOBER KarmaFest Unplugged

10am - 10pm (Sat)
10am - 8pm (Sun)
Admission \$15 (for one day) \$25 (for both days) - see website to book
At: Steppingstone Farm Museum at Susquehanna State Park,
461 Quaker Bottom Rd,
Havre De Grace, MARYLAND
MD 21078
www.karmafest.com

Regardless of whether you go along for the day or the full weekend, KarmaFest Unplugged is a beautiful experience. With many drum circles and more participatory, hands-on events, as well as great food and vendors, this weekend is a time for all to unplug from technology and the rest of the world for relaxation, rebalancing and fun.

SAT & SUN 10TH & 11TH OCTOBER Psychic And Spirit Fair

10am - 7pm (Sat)
10am - 6pm (Sun)
Admission \$12, 12s and under go free
At: The Avalon Hotel and Conference Center,
16 W 10th St, Erie,
PENNSYLVANIA PA 16501
www.gifttoflightexpo.com
Experience an assortment of readers, practitioners and classes. The organisers aim for an uplifting and positive atmosphere, for like-minded individuals to join together in a setting that promotes peace of mind, innerstrength and synergy.

FRI & SAT 16TH & 17TH OCTOBER ShadowCon 2015

12pm - 6pm (Fri)
10am - 9pm (Sat)
Admission \$30 (2-day all access), \$10 (general admission for Fri or Sat), \$5 (general admission for children under 12 for Fri or Sat)
At: Convention Hall A, 120 W. Jefferson Blvd. Fort Wayne, INDIANA, IN 46802
www.shadowcon2015.com
The weekend is set to include guest speakers and workshops over both days, plus 50 vendors and exhibitors, a caricature artist, a zombie kid's zone and more. All of this brought to you during Fort Wayne's Fright Night event. Subjects include ghosts, psychics, the paranormal, ancient history, UFOs, cryptozoology, metaphysical topics and more.

FRI - SUN 16TH - 18TH OCTOBER Psychic Fair

4pm - 10.30pm (Fri)
11am - 10.30pm (Sat)
11am - 6pm (Sun)
Admission \$10 (general admission), \$10-\$18 for readings
At: Howard Johnson Plaza Kansas City Hotel and Conference Center
1601 N. Universal Avenue, Kansas City, MISSOURI, MO 64120
www.prskc.org
The psychic fair is made of three elements: psychic readings, informative lectures, and vendors selling metaphysical material or providing healing and energy work services.

SAT & SUN 17TH & 18TH OCTOBER Holistic Health & Healing Expo

11am - 6pm (each day)
Admission \$8 per day (in advance) \$10 per day (on the door) - save the ticket stub from Saturday to return for only \$5 on Sunday
At: Soccer Sportsplex,
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SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER Mind Body Spirit Festival

10am - 4pm
Admission \$5
At: Hilton Garden Inn,
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Freeport, MAINE, ME 04032
www.mindbodyspiritfestival.org
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10am - 6pm
Free admission
At: Orlando Festival Park,
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www.cfvegfest.org
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At: Johnson County Fairground,
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Iowa City, IOWA, IA 52246
<http://icmetapara.com/>
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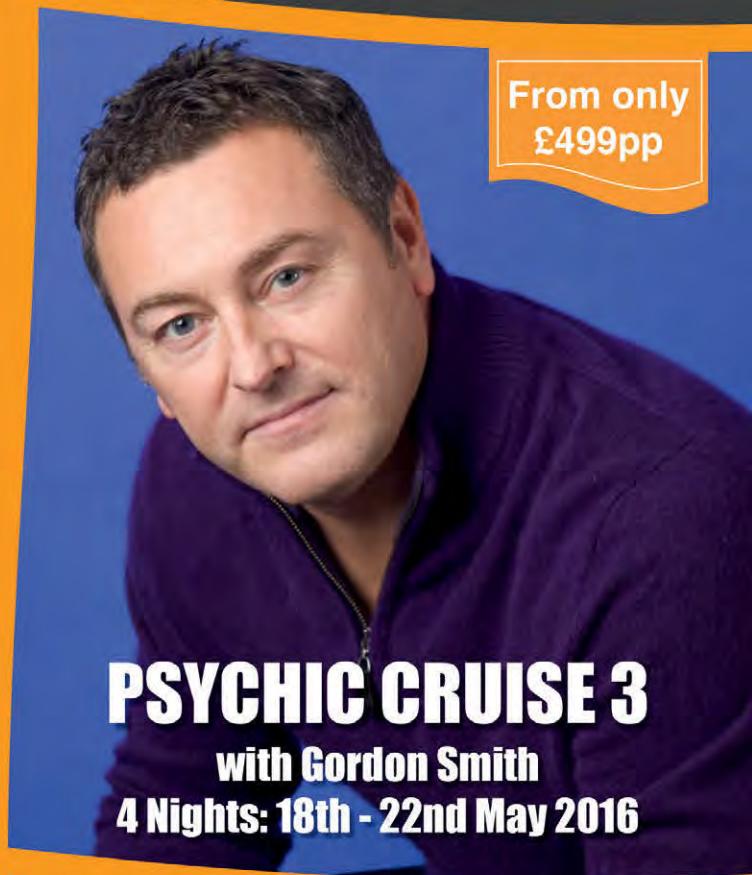
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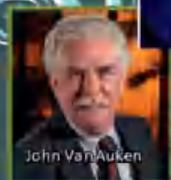
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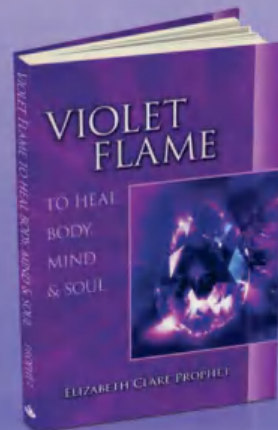


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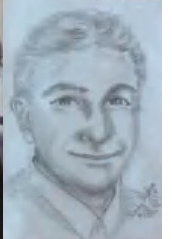
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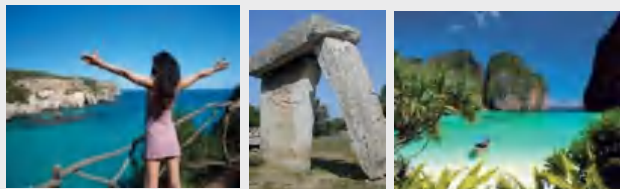
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Thursday

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